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COP-15 summit adopts historic biodiversity deal

Kunming-Montreal Agreement is aimed at saving the lands, oceans and species from pollution, degradation and climate change, and is being compared to the landmark Paris Agreement

Press Trust of India
MONTREAL

After four years of fractious talks, nearly 200 countries, including India, approved a historic Paris-style deal on Monday to protect and reverse dangerous loss to global biodiversity, following an intense final session of negotiations at the UN COP-15 summit here in Canada.

Amid applause, Chinese Environment Minister Huang Runqiu, the president of the COP-15 biodiversity summit, which started on December 7, declared the Kunming-Montreal Agreement adopted.

The Chair manoeuvred to ignore Congo's last-minute refusal, demanding greater funding for developing countries.

'Peace pact with nature'

The Kunming-Montreal pact is hailed as a landmark to protect biodiversity. Here are a few points:

'30 by 30'
The cornerstone of the agreement is the so-called 30 by 30 goal — a pledge to protect 30% of the world's land and seas by 2030

Indigenous rights
Indigenous rights were addressed throughout the text, including in areas covered by the 30 by 30 pledge — safeguarding Indigenous peoples' right to remain stewards of land they use and ensuring they are not subject to mass evictions

Finance
The text approves the objective for rich countries to provide "at least $20 billion per year by 2025, and ... at least $30 billion per year by 2030", approximately double and then triple the current international aid for biodiversity. Also it creates a "trust fund" within an existing financial mechanism called the Global Environment Facility, as a stepping stone to a new fund in the future

Adopted: China's Minister Huang Runqiu passes the deal in Montreal on Monday. REUTERS

The Chinese-brokered deal is aimed at saving the lands, oceans and species from pollution, degradation and climate change. Monitored wildlife populations have seen a devastating 69% drop on average since 1970, according to the Living Planet Report (LPR) 2022 of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

Environment Minister, Bhupender Yadav, who was part of negotiations, told *The Hindu* that broadly the agreement was "positive" as far as India was concerned. On Saturday, he laid out India's position that goals and targets set in the Global Biodiversity Framework ought to be ambitious, as well as "realistic and practical".

(With inputs from Jacob Koshy)

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57.5% Twitter users vote to oust Musk as firm's CEO

Agence France-Presse
SAN FRANCISCO

Twitter users voted on Monday to oust its controversial owner, Elon Musk, as CEO in a poll he organised and promised to honour, just weeks after he took charge of the social media giant.

A total of 57.5% of more than 17 million accounts voted for him to step down. Mr. Musk has not yet responded.

He posted the poll shortly after trying to extricate himself from yet another controversy.

On Sunday, Twitter users were told they would no longer be able to promote content from other social media sites.

However, Mr. Musk a few hours later wrote that the policy would be limited to "suspending accounts only when that account's *primary* purpose is promotion of competitors".

Karnataka turns away Maharashtra leaders at Belagavi bridge

Bridge stand-off: The police stop Maharashtra leaders from entering Belagavi on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

The Karnataka Police stopped Maharashtra leaders from entering Belagavi district on Monday to participate in a Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti rally, which eventually did not take place as the police denied permission.

The "Maha Melava" mega rally of the MES was planned on the first day of the Karnataka legislature session in Belagavi, demanding merger of the city and other areas where Marathi is widely spoken, with Maharashtra.

Officers put barricades across the Doodha Ganga river bridge at Kuganoli village. The Maharashtra leaders, members of the BJP and Shiv Sena (Shinde) faction, were stopped for nearly an hour.

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Savarkar portrait unveiled amid protests

BELAGAVI
The winter session of the legislature got off to a stormy start on Monday with the BJP unveiling the portrait of Hindutva ideologue V.D. Savarkar, amidst protests by Congress. » PAGE 4

Sons of GTD, HDK, Ibrahim in JD(S) first list

BENGALURU
Sons of JD(S) leaders H.D. Kumaraswamy, C.M. Ibrahim, and G.T. Deve Gowda are among those who have been named candidates for the Assembly elections in the official list announced on Monday. » PAGE 5

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Vacant seats for teaching and non-teach staff at KVs

14,461 The number of vacant teaching and non-teaching posts in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) across the country, Union Minister of State for Education Annpurna Devi informed Parliament. The maximum vacancies are in Madhya Pradesh (1,277) followed by Tamil Nadu (1,220), Karnataka (1,053) and West Bengal (1,043). PTI

RBI imposes penalty on Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait BSC

2.66 In ₹ crore, the penalty imposed by the RBI on the Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait BSC, India operations for non-compliance with directions on cyber security framework. The bank failed to implement systems to detect unusual and unauthorised, internal or external activities in its database, according to the official statement. PTI

Companies which had place of business as India till September

3,291 The number of active companies out of the 5,068 overseas companies that had registered their place of business in India till September 2022. Minister of State for Corporate Affairs Rao Inderjit Singh added that information about 'ceasing of operations' is not maintained by the Ministry. PTI

FAO provides funds to support vulnerable Sri Lankan households

1.4 In $ million, the amount provided by the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) to about 15,000 vulnerable households in Sri Lanka hit by the ongoing economic crisis to overcome the shortage of food and other commodities, the UN agency informed. This was in addition to over 47,609 families being granted over 2,300 tonnes of fertilizer by the FAO. PTI

Google's AI model to support 1,000 different languages

100 The number of Indian languages to be supported across speech and text by Google's unified AI model, CEO Sundar Pichai informed. The effort is part of a global initiative to bring the world's 1,000 most-spoken languages online and to help people access information in their language. PTI

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The minimum tax on big businesses

Why have 136 countries and members of the EU agreed to implement a 15% tax rate on large multinational corporations? What are the particulars of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development's global tax agreement? Will low tax jurisdictions concur with the plan?

EXPLAINER

Prashanth Perumal

GETTY IMAGES

The story so far:
Members of the European Union last week agreed in principle to implement a minimum tax of 15% on big businesses. Last year, 136 countries had agreed on a plan to redistribute tax rights across jurisdictions and enforce a minimum tax rate of 15% on large multinational corporations. It is estimated that the minimum tax rate would boost global tax revenues by $150 billion annually.

What is it?
EU members have agreed to implement a minimum tax rate of 15% on big businesses in accordance with Pillar 2 of the global tax agreement framed by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) last year. Under the OECD's plan, governments will be equipped to impose additional taxes in case companies are found to be paying taxes that are considered too low. This is to ensure that big businesses with global operations do not benefit by domiciling themselves in tax havens in order to save on taxes. Pillar 1 of the OECD's tax plan, on the other hand, tries to address the question of taxing rights. Large multinational companies have traditionally paid taxes in their home countries even though they did most of their business in foreign countries. The OECD plan tries to give more taxing rights to the governments of countries where large businesses conduct a substantial amount of their business. As a result, large U.S. tech companies may have to pay more taxes to governments of developing countries.

What is the need for a global minimum tax?
Corporate tax rates across the world have been dropping over the last few decades as a result of competition between governments to spur economic growth through greater private investments. Global corporate tax rates have fallen from over 40% in the 1980s to under 25% in 2020, thanks to global tax competition that was kick-started by former U.S. President Ronald Reagan and former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in the 1980s. The OECD's tax plan tries to put an end to this "race to the bottom" which has made it harder for governments to shore up the revenues required to fund their rising spending budgets. The minimum tax proposal is particularly relevant at a time when the fiscal state of governments across the world has deteriorated as seen in the worsening of public debt metrics.

What lies ahead?
Some governments, particularly those of traditional tax havens, are likely to disagree and stall the implementation of the OECD's tax plan. High tax jurisdictions like the EU are more likely to fully adopt the minimum tax plan as it saves them from having to compete against low tax jurisdictions. Low tax jurisdictions, on the other hand, are likely to resist the OECD's plan unless they are compensated sufficiently in other ways. It should be noted that, even within the EU, countries such as Poland have already tried to stall the adoption of the global minimum tax proposal citing various non-economic reasons. Since the OECD's plan essentially tries to form a global tax cartel, it will always face the risk of losing out to low-tax jurisdictions outside the cartel and cheating by members within the cartel. After all, countries both within and outside the cartel will have the incentive to boost investments and economic growth within their respective jurisdictions by offering lower tax rates to businesses. This is a structural problem that will persist as long as the global tax cartel continues to exist.

What good will the OECD's tax plan do to the global economy?
Supporters of the OECD's tax plan believe that it will end the global "race to the bottom" and help governments collect the revenues required for social spending.

Many believe that the plan will also help counter rising global inequality by making it tougher for large businesses to pay low taxes by availing the services of tax havens. Critics of the OECD's proposal, however, see the global minimum tax as a threat. They argue that without tax competition between governments, the world would be taxed a lot more than it is today, thus adversely affecting global economic growth.

In other words, these critics believe that it is the threat of tax competition that keeps a check on governments which would otherwise tax their citizens heavily to fund profligate spending programs.

THE GIST

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What are carbon markets and how do they operate?

What are the Opposition's concerns about the Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2022? What are carbon credits and how will they help reduce the emission of greenhouse gases?

Diksha Munjal

The story so far:
The Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2022 was passed in Parliament on December 12, despite the Opposition's demands to send it for scrutiny to a parliamentary committee. The Bill empowers the government to establish carbon markets in India and specify a carbon credit trading scheme.

What are carbon markets?
Article six of the 2015 Paris Agreement provides for the use of international carbon markets by countries to fulfil their nationally determined contributions (NDC) to keep global warming within 2°C. Carbon markets are essentially a tool for putting a price on carbon emissions – they establish trading systems where carbon credits or allowances can be bought and sold. A carbon credit is a kind of tradable permit that, as per UN standards, equals one tonne of carbon dioxide removed, reduced, or sequestered from the atmosphere. A United Nations Development Program (UNDP) release this year noted that interest in carbon markets is growing globally – 83% of NDCs submitted by countries mention their intent to make use of international market mechanisms to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. There are broadly two types of carbon markets that exist today – compliance markets and voluntary markets. Voluntary markets are those in which emitters – corporations, private individuals, and others– buy carbon credits to offset the emission of one tonne of CO_2 or an equivalent greenhouse gas. Such carbon credits are created by activities which reduce CO_2 from the air, such as afforestation. In a voluntary market, a corporation looking to compensate for its unavoidable emissions, purchases carbon credits from an entity engaged in projects that reduce, remove, capture, or avoid emissions. For instance, in the aviation sector, airlines may purchase carbon credits to offset the carbon footprint of the flights they operate. Compliance markets on the other hand which are set up by policies at the national, regional, and/or international level are officially regulated.

What are the challenges?
The UNDP points out serious concerns pertaining to carbon markets – ranging from double counting of greenhouse gas reductions, quality and authenticity of climate projects that generate credits to poor market transparency. There are also concerns about 'greenwashing' – companies may buy credits, simply offsetting carbon footprints instead of reducing their overall emissions.

What are concerns about new Bill?
The Bill empowers the Centre to specify a carbon credits trading scheme. Under the Bill, the central government or an authorised agency will be able to issue carbon credit certificates. These carbon credit certificates will be tradeable in nature. Other persons would be able to buy carbon credit certificates on a voluntary basis. Opposition members pointed out that the Bill does not provide clarity on the mechanism to be used for the trading of carbon credit certificates and about who will regulate such trading. Members also raised questions about the right Ministry to bring in a scheme of this nature, pointing out that while carbon market schemes in other countries are framed by their environment ministries, the Indian Bill was tabled by the Power Ministry.

Another important concern raised is that the Bill does not specify whether certificates under already existing schemes would also be interchangeable and tradeable with carbon credit certificates. Two types of tradeable certificates are already issued in India– Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) and Energy Savings Certificates (ESCs).

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Soon, buy metro tickets in thousands at discounted rates

Ticket fare is likely to range from ₹30 to ₹35 depending on the number of people travelling and whether the purchaser is looking for multiple exit or entries for travellers, says BMRCL MD

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

At present, metro trains are operated on two lines, Kengeri to Baiyappanahalli (Purple Line) and Silk Institute to Nagasandra (Green Line). FILE PHOTO

In future, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) will allow hosts or organisers of family events, political rallies, and others to purchase group tickets in hundreds and thousands. The BMRCL is also contemplating giving more comfort of travel for group-ticket holders to enter and exit metro stations of their choice.

The ticket fare is likely to range from ₹30 to ₹35 depending on the number of people travelling and whether the purchaser is looking for multiple exit or entries for travellers. Officials said that group tickets will be issued in the form of paper tickets.

Managing Director of BMRCL, Anjum Parwez, said: "For the benefit of people travelling in large numbers, the BMRCL is proposing to offer group tickets at discounted rates. These tickets can be used by people to attend family functions such as weddings, birthday parties, or rallies by the political parties. Group-ticket holders will be allowed to travel in the regular train services. We are contemplating allowing them to enter and exit from stations of their choice. If an organiser of an event purchases a group ticket and distributes it to the participants, they can travel to a particular station from different metro stations. The hosts of family events even can give group metro tickets along with the invitation cards."

During the flower shows at Lalbagh, IPL and cricket matches at Chinnaswamy Stadium, and on other special occasions, BMRCL has been issuing paper tickets for the benefit of the passengers. On August 15, a record number of 8.25 lakh passengers travelled in Namma Metro. The number of travellers on that day surged as the Congress held a rally at National College ground and bought metro tickets for participants in thousands and people travelling to Lalbagh to see the flower show too turned up in thousands at metro stations. The BMRCL is seeing more fair box revenue during forthcoming elections.

"The State will go to elections next year. All parties cutting across party lines will hold rallies at different locations in the city. Thousands will participate in these rallies. Considering the traffic situations in the city, travelling in the Metro will be a comfortable option," said Mr. Parwez.

Bengaluru city has an operational metro line of 55 km. At present, trains are operated on two lines, Kengeri to Baiyappanahalli (Purple Line) and Silk Institute to Nagasandra (Green Line).

AAP confidence gets a boost after Delhi civic body election results

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) victory in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) elections recently has given the party a strong boost in its quest to contest the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) elections.

AAP Bengaluru president Mohan Dasari said that only his party can defeat the BJP. "The MCD election has proven that no other political party can defeat the BJP except the AAP. This election victory gives one message to the entire country that the AAP has to be strengthened to defeat the BJP," Mr. Dasari said.

"The AAP is poised to get a similar response from the voters of Bengaluru in the BBMP elections, whenever it happens. Strengthening the AAP will help to throw the ruling BJP out of power and fight against the challenges of price rise and unemployment," he added.

The party said that it is reaching voters through the 'door-to-door Kejriwal model' campaign. AAP Karnataka State secretary Shanthala Damle said: "AAP can give corruption-free administration and permanent solutions to problems faced by the citizens."

"We have already been working on ground to connect with the people and the recent MCD elections results have given more confidence to our party workers to win the BBMP elections," she added.

The AAP won the MCD elections with 134 seats, ending the 15-year rule of the BJP. In the 250-member Corporation, BJP bagged 104 seats while the Congress won only nine seats.

CBI searches Shivakumar's educational institution

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Monday, searched an educational institution owned by KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, questioned the staff, and verified the documents for assets evaluation related to the disproportionate assets case filed against him two years ago.

Mr. Shivakumar said that it was nothing but "harassment" in the light of upcoming elections. "They had done it during the launch of Bharat Jodo Yatra, and this is the second round. Let them carry out whatever investigations they want," he said.

He challenged the Chief Minister to investigate his own party MLAs who are facing corruption charges.

10-year-old boy dies after teacher throws him from 1st floor of building

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

In a ghastly incident, a guest teacher beat up a boy, threw him from the school building, and assaulted two others in Gadag district on Monday.

The accused, Muttappa Yallappa Hadagali, working in the government primary school at Hadli village, allegedly thrashed 10-year-old Bharat, and threw him from the first floor.

He also hit the boy's mother Geeta Yallappa Baraker, who served as a guest teacher in the same school, with a shovel. While the boy breathed his last on the way to a hospital, the seriously injured mother is being treated at KIMS Hospital in Hubballi.

According to senior police officials, when another teacher, Sanganagouda Patil, tried to stop him, the accused attacked him also. Sanganagouda Patil is being treated at Nargund hospital. The accused is absconding after the incident. The reason for his action is yet to be ascertained.

Following tension in the village, additional police forces have been deployed. A manhunt has been launched by Nargund police to trace the accused.

Timings
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TUESDAY, DEC. 20		
RISE	06:36	SET 17:58
RISE	03:12	SET 15:05
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21		
RISE	06:36	SET 17:59
RISE	04:10	SET 15:56
THURSDAY, DEC. 22		
RISE	06:37	SET 17:59
RISE	05:14	SET 16:53

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	22
Mysuru	30	18
Bengaluru	26	18

Bengaluru Today
26°C A dry weather to prevail. Day will be comfortable but humid. Night will be cool.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
25°C The weather will be mostly dry. Day will be comfortable but humid. Night will be slight cool.

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My client **Smt. Yeshoda Bai,** aged about 65 years, wife of late S.Lakshman Rao, residing at # 24, 4th Main Road, KM' Block, Near Amanath Co-Operative Bank, Ganaganagar, Bangalore-560032, the owner of all that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.19, Katha No.869, Assessment No.34/9 & 34/15, situated at **Cholanayakanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** whereas my client purchased the same vide sale deed dated: 17-10-2003, which is registered as Document No.25439/2003-04, Book-I, CD No.149, in the office of Senior Sub-registrar Office, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore from one Mr. Doddakenchappa, through his General Power of Attorney Holder **Mr. S. Lakshman Rao,** and the General Power of Attorney is dated: 09-03-1990.

I hereby state that my client lost/misplaced sale deed dated: 17-10-2003, which is registered as Document No.25439/2003-04, Book-I, CD No.149, and the General Power of Attorney is dated: 09-03-1990 the above mentioned documents and the same are not traceable even after her best efforts.

If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document, they shall return the same or contact the undersigned in writing within **07 days** from the date of this notice.

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B.M. KUSHALAPPA
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Kumara Park East, Bangalore-560 001,

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, BENGALURU

MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
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(See Section 25 and Section 29 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with II Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961)

NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION
TDRC No.1335 of 2017

To
Judgement Debtors:-

1. **M/s. Kamadhenu Leather Fashions (P) Ltd.** No.554, 10th Cross, 14th Main, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore - 560 070 (Company under Liquidation represented by Official Liquidator, High Court of Karnataka, Corporate Bhavan, No.26-27, 12th Floor, Raheja Towers, M.G.Road, Bangalore - 560 001)
2. **Sri.M.R.Harish,** S/o.Late Sri.M.A.Ramaswamy, **Director,** M/s. Kamadhenu Leather Fashions (P) Ltd. No.554, 10th Cross, 14th Main, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore - 560 070
3. **Sri.G.Anandhan,** S/o. Late M.Govindaraju, **Director,** M/s. Kamadhenu Leather Fashions (P) Ltd., 344, Manika Panditer Street, New Town, Vaniyambadi -2, N A Dist., Tamilnadu
4. **Smt.Saroja Harish,** W/o.M.R.Harish, **Director,** M/s. Kamadhenu Leather Fashions (P) Ltd. No.554, 10th Cross, 14th Main, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore - 560 070

Between
Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited ... **Certificate Holder**
And
M/s. Kamadhenu Leather Fashions (P) Ltd. and Ors.
... **Certificate Debtors**

WHEREAS in execution of Recovery Certificate dated **27 October 2002** and consequent Amended Recovery Certificate dated 27 June 2007 issue in O.A. No. 907/1996 by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bengaluru, the undersigned has ordered the sale of the under mentioned immovable properties.

You are hereby informed that the 15th day from the date of service of this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof. You are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

SCHEDULE

Property Mortgaged by Smt. Saroja Harish: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.554, 10th Cross, 14th Main, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore-560 070, measuring East to West 45'.6" or 13.87 metres and North to South 30'.0" or 9.15 metres, consisting of a residential building of about 770 square feet and bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Site No.565, North by: Site No.555 and South by: Site No.553.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this, the 17th day of November 2022.

Sd/-
Recovery Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II
Jeevan Mangal Building, 1st & 2nd Floors,
No.4, Residency Road, Bengaluru - 560 025

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, MBC O&M Division
Chigarahalli Tq. Jewargi Dist.Gulbarga-585310.

NO. KBJNL/MBCDn/PB-1/2022-23/740 Date:17-12-2022

PERCENTAGE SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through E-Procurement portal only)

Reference:Tender Notification, No-738 Date:17-12-2022

On behalf of Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL MBC O&M Division, Chigarahalli Tq. Jewargi, invites short term percentage tender for the works stated below as per KTPP act. The tenders are required to submit in Two Cover. For the work of Consultancy services for detailed survey, investigation, detailed Engineering, preparation of designs, drawings, cost estimates, Draft tender papers including preparation of land acquisition Proposals for distributaries network and Lateral Network coming under Mallabad LIS-2. (Balance Length) (Indent No.23415) having amount put to tender **64.72 lakhs** each (Including GST) and EMD of 1.3 lakhs for each work.

Calendar of events.

1) Request for e-tender documents : **From 20-12-2022 to 29-12-2022 upto 5.00 pm**, 2) Submission of completed e-tender documents : **on 29-12-2022 upto 5.00 pm**, 3) Opening of Technical bid : **02-01-2023 at 11.00 am**, 4) Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/ines.seam. 5) Any clarification may please be taken from the undersigned one during the office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIP/Kalaburagi/981/MC&A/2022-23 **KBJNL, MBC O&M Division, Chiagarahalli.585310**

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E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 15/2022-23, Dated : 16-12-2022

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Dept, Chamarajanagara Division, **Chamarajanagar** Invites from eligible General/SC/ST Category Contractors (Category of Contractors will be as per E-procurement Portal) for the execution of **2022-23 JJM works of Hanur Taluk (1 Packages), and Gundlupete Taluk (2 Packages), in Chamarajanagara District under SVS.** The eligible Class-III & Above for General Category Contractor (Note: Category of Contractor to be procured in the bid document) are required to submit through E-Procurement portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** The Notification includes **3** Packages/Works of Estimated Cost varying from **Rs. 128.60 Lakhs** to **Rs. 246.10 Lakhs.** Tenders are invited through E-procurement Portal only.

1	Date & Time of Publication of Tender	17-12-2022 Onwards
2	Last date of Submission of bids	27-12-2022 @ 17:00 hrs
3	Pre Bid meeting to be held on	20-12-2022 at 11:00 hrs Venue : Office of Executive Engineer, RDW&SD Division, Chamarajanagara-571313 or through Email : eerdwsd.chn@gmail.com
4	Date & Time of opening of Technical Bids	29-12-2022 @ 11:00 hrs
5	Date & Time of opening of Financial Bids	After Successful Technical Bid Evaluation

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW & S Department,
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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Syed Abdullah S/o Syed Raziuddin R/o 47/48, 3rf Cross, Kbhs Layout, Kurubaruhalli, Karnataka Layout, Bangalore -560086 have changed my name to Syed Abdulla for all purposes.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KHAMRUNNISA Anjum Fayaz Ahmed, W/o Mohammed Azam, R/o #421, 3rd Cross, 1st Stage, 5th Block, Opp Forest Land, HBCS Layout, Benglauru-560045 have changed my name to Khamrunnisa Anjum vide affidavit dt: 17.12.2022 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'lore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, No 14397644w Ex Naik **BASAVARAJ K KALASANNAVAR** Resident At No 377, BEML Nagar, KGF, Dist-Kolar, Karnataka. In My Army Service Record Changed
The Following Details:-
My Wife Name **SHASHIKALA** changed to **SHASHIKALA B KALASANNAVAR**
My Daughter Name **PREETHI** Changed to **PREETHI B KALASANNAVAR**
My son Name **PRAMOD** changed to **PRAMOD KALASANNAVAR**
My son Name **PRASANA** changed to **PRASANNA KALASANNAVAR**
vide affidavit dated - 14/12/2022 sworn before advocate and Notary V.B. Prasad, Bangarapet.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NAVEEDA Begum, R/a No.3, 12th cross, Madiwala New Extension, Maruthi Nagar, Bengaluru-560068 have changed my name to Nayeemunisa Naveeda Begum, vide affidavit dt: 19.12.2022 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

I, DIVYA DSouza D/o S. Chenthamarai, R/o 2969, 12th Main, 4th Cross, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560008 have changed my name from Divya DSouza to Divya Chenthamarai vide affidavit dt: 17-12-2022 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

I, AKBAR Pasha S/o Nazeer Ahmed residing at No.571, 1st Cross, 4th Block, Near Noorani Madjid, HBR Layout, Hennur, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru-560043, Karnataka have changed my name to Akbar Pasha Nazeer vide affidavit dated 16-12-2022 before Meer Hassan Notary, Bengaluru.

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IN THE COURT OF THE XI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
O.S. No. 8651 / 2004 (CCH-8)

PLAINTIFF : Smt. Prasunna W/o V. Penchalaiah, aged about 30 years, Residing at No. 53, B-1, Sree Theertha Apartments, 4th Main, Between 17th and 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 003.
-V/s-
DEFENDANT : Yashwathappa & others
NOTICE / SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS No. 2(a)

To, **D-2(a). Mr. Subramaya Raju,** Father name not known, Major, Residing at No. 178, T-Block, 36th Cross, Jayanagar, Bangalore Pincode - 560041.

Whereas, the above named plaintiff instituted a suit against you seeking for reliefs of Declaration and Specific Performance with respect to suit schedule property and other consequential reliefs.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court **on the day of 27.01.2023 at 11.00 AM** in person or through advocate / pleader to answer questions to the same. Failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE-A

All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 626, New No. 626/1, 10th C Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore, Corporation Division No. 57, measuring East to West: 60ft, North to South: 50 + 32 ft bounded on:

East by: Site No. 627, 628, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No. 625.

SCHEDULE-B

First and Second floor of the premises bearing No. 626, New No. 626/1, 10th A Main, 30th Cross, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011, which is surrounded by:

East by: G.G. Plaza, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Ramaswamy's House measuring little more or less 3600 sq ft with proportionate undivided right, title and interest in the land.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court, this the 17.12.2022.

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore
Advocate for Service : **Lawyers Inc,**
Advocate and Solicitors
#15/2, V.S. Raju Road, 12th Cross, Kumara Rao Park West, Bengaluru - 560020.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-02)
O.S. No. 4835/2015

PLAINTIFF : Sandhya Shankar @ Sandhya Goni, Wife of Mr. Ashok S Goni, Aged about 43 years, Residing at Apartment No. TF302, 40ft Road, Sanjaya Nagar, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560094.
-V/s-
DEFENDANTS : Ashok S Goni & Others
NOTICE / SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS No. 2(b) & 2(e)

To, D-2(b). Smt. Leelavathi Goni, D/o Late Smt. Shantha S Goni W/o Dr. Somashekar Surpur, Aged about 68 years, Residing at: No.1, Siddalingeshwara Krupa, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Chiranjeevi Layout, Hebbal, Kempapura, Bengaluru - 560024.

D-2(e) Smt Nandha Subhash Kori D/o Late Smt. Shantha S Goni W/o Sri Subhash Kori, Aged about 60 years, R/oNo.9541, 5th Place, Lortan, VA 2209, USA **Represented by her sister and GPA holder, Smt Akkamahadevi** D/o Late Smt. Shantha S Goni W/o Sri Babu Rao Chinchore Aged about 62 years Residing at: No.58, Sri Sai Residency, Plat No.S-201, 2nd Cross, Vianyaka Nagar, Hebbal, Bengaluru - 560024.

Whereas, the above named plaintiff instituted a suit against you seeking for reliefs of declaration, and partition with respect to suit schedule property and other consequential reliefs.

You are, hereby summoned to appear before this Court **on the day of 24.01.2023 at 11.00 AM** in person or through advocate/pleader to answer questions to the same. Failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE:

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No. 52, bearing PID No. 100-632-52, situated at 40 feet Road, Muniramappa Garden, Geddalahalli, Bangalore, measuring 7480 Sqft together with the apartments built thereon and bounded as under:

East by : 40 feet Road, **West by :** Storm water Drain, **North by:** 25 feet Road, **South by :** 30 feet Road.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court, this the 14.12.2022.

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore
Advocate for Service : **Lawyers Inc,**
Advocate and Solicitors
#15/2, V.S. Raju Road, 12th Cross, Kumara Rao Park West, Bengaluru - 560020.

LEGAL NOTICE

DRAFT PAPER PUBLICATION
IN THE COURT OF THE VII ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH-19) AT BENGALURU
O.S. No. 375/2021
Hg-30-01-2023

BETWEEN:
M/s ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at: Landmark, Race- Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., No.1, Shobha Pearl, 2nd Floor, MG Road, Commissariat Road, Bangalore- 560025, and branch office at: 4/10, Mythree tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur main road, Bengaluru- 560068 through its Authorised representative. ...Plaintiff
And :
Sai Krishna Karri ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant:
1. SAI KRISHNA KARRI, Son of Shiva Prasad Karri Aged Major, R/at: 51, Srinilayam, 3rd Cross, H A Farm, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Hebbal, Near Bus Stop, Dasarahalli Main Road, Bengaluru- 560045.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs.4,79,991/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before theVII Addl City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-19), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 30-01-23 at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 9th day of 2022 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court Assistant Registrar Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners,
Advocates
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru- 01.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LXXXVIII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-89)
COM O.S. NO. 1346/2022

Between :
M/s ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at: Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at and branch office at: 4/10, Mythree tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur main road, Bengaluru-560068 through its Authorised representative.
Mr. Rohith Ali M ...Plaintiff
And:
M/s Puneet Silk Creation & others ...Defendants

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendants :
1. Puneet Silk Creation, Represented by its Proprietor-Maganlal Kalbi, Office at : No. 38, 3rd floor, Maruthi Avenue, Basavanna Lane, OPP. Banaras Sweet, Avenue Road Cross, Bengaluru - 560 002.
2. Maganlal Kalbi, S/o. Vanaramji, Aged about 33 Years, Residing at: No. 4, 2nd floor, 18th Cross, SR Nagar Area, Bengaluru - 560 027, Ph. No. 8041252097
Also.
No. 29, 2nd Floor, Ramannapet, Bangalore-560002 E-Mail ID: puneetsilk@gmail.com

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs.8,00,435.71/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LXXXVIII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-89), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 16/01/2023 at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 14th day of December, 2022 at Bangalore.

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners, Advocates
No. 701, Queens Corner #3, Queens Road, Bengaluru-01

ABSTRACT

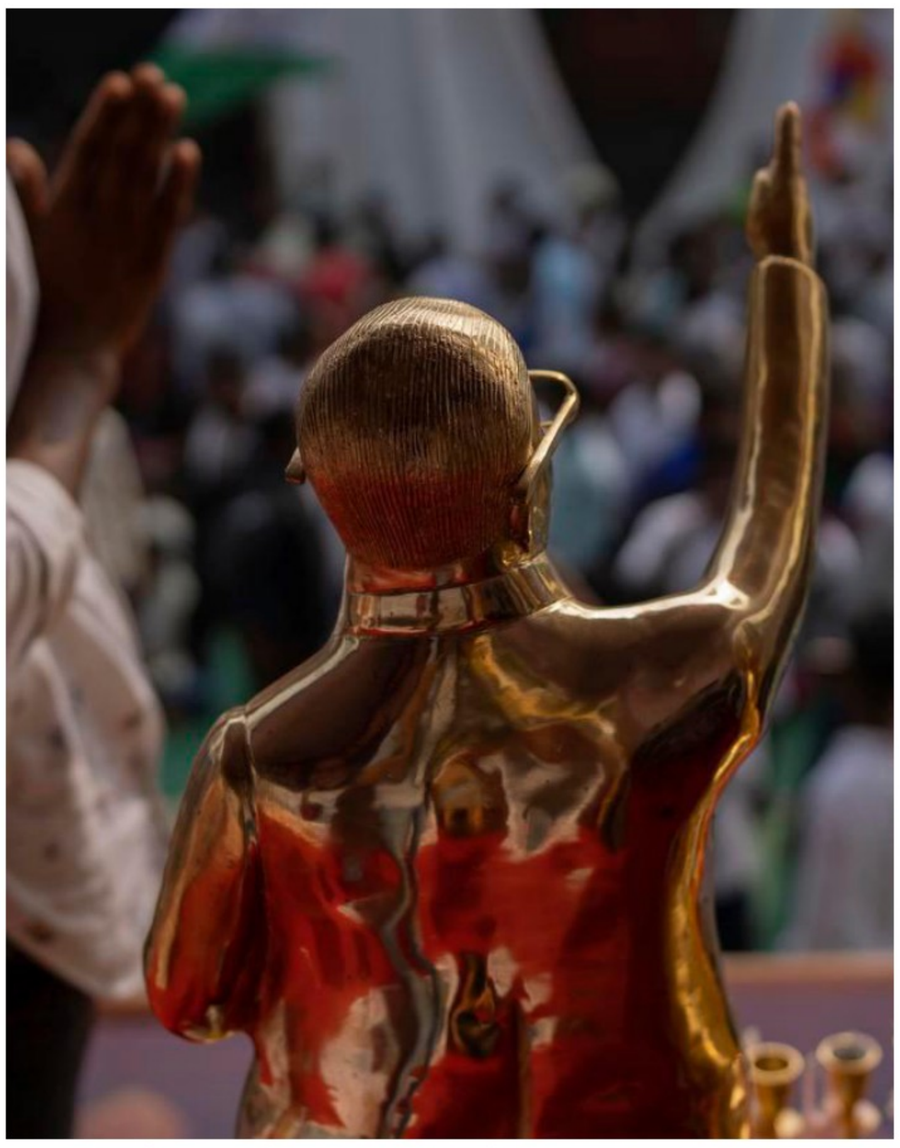
Contextualising Ambedkar's idea of a moral democracy

How the father of the Constitution rejected oppressive and traditional systems of caste to reconstruct the concept of democracy through Buddhist principles

Rebecca Rose Varghese

Telang, S., & Kudupale, M., 'Situating Democracy in Ambedkar's Moral Discourse', Contemporary Voice of Dalit, 0(0), December 13, 2022

There have been many studies on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's conceptualisation of democracy, predominantly explained through the lens of social, political and economic philosophies. Sangharsh Telang and Mayur Kudupale's article, 'Situating Democracy in Ambedkar's Moral Discourse' looks at how Ambedkar situates morality in his discourse of democracy. It also explores the moral foundation that paved the way for Ambedkar's discourse on democracy.



For a moral nation: A man offers prayers near a statue of Bhim Rao Ambedkar on his death anniversary in Mumbai, on December 6. AP

The essence of democracy

The authors begin by explaining how in the process of understanding Ambedkar's works, many have failed to explore the multitudes of Ambedkar's idea of democracy, and through a one-dimensional study of his work, situated him within a dichotomous framework of social democracy versus liberal or political democracy. But Ambedkar's last work, *The Buddha and His Dhamma*, sheds light on how he understood democracy as a concept that affected every aspect of human life; it was essentially a way of life. Buddha, Kabir and Mahatma Phule's philosophies played an important role in Ambedkar's own engagement with democracy. While the pillars of democracy are equality, liberty and fraternity, it needs to be looked at through a moral lens as well. And while it is well known that Ambedkar's moral principles were rooted in Buddhist philosophies, he was also critical of extreme individualism that was a possible outcome of Buddhism, as such characteristics failed to engage in activism that challenged social order. Thus, he believed that there needed to be a balance between individualism and fraternity for a harmonious society.

Furthermore, Ambedkar gave utmost importance to practicality. For him, concepts and theories needed to be tested as they were supposed to be practised in society. He used rationality and critical reasoning to analyse any subject matter, because he believed that a subject must first pass the test of rationality, failing which, it must be rejected, altered or modified.

Ambedkar used the lens of morality in investigating the caste system, the Hindu social system, the nature of religion and Indian history. It was difficult to place Ambedkar's framework of democracy within these rigid religious structures and socio-political systems, especially since he brought the most marginalised communities into the fold of democracy. Thus, Ambedkar attempts to construct a new structure based on the principles of Buddhism.

Types of morality

Ambedkar divides morality into social morality and constitutional morality. He explains that social morality was built through interaction and such interaction was based on the mutual recognition of human beings. Yet, under the rigid systems of caste and religion, such interaction was not possible as one did not accept another person as a respectable human being due to their religion or caste background. Social morality was based on equality among human beings and a recognition of respect. Constitutional morality for Ambedkar was a prerequisite to maintaining a system of democracy in a country. He believed that only through a negation of hereditary rule, laws that represented all people, with people's representatives and a State which has the confidence of the people, can democracy be maintained. One single person or political party could not represent the needs or will of all the people.

Ambedkar realised that the caste system did not go hand in hand with such an understanding of moral democracy. This was because the traditional caste structure was of a hierarchical rule, with no mutual respect among individuals, and complete subjugation of one group by another.

Reading Indian society

Ambedkar's concept of moral democracy must also be studied through the lenses of particularism (a political theory where one group promote its own interests without regard to the interests of larger groups) and universality (a theory that some ideas have universal application or applicability). His analysis of Indian society explains that the caste system is a negative particularistic value in the Hindu religion. The upper castes according to Ambedkar, universalise the negative particularity (their dominance over the other groups) and particularise the negative universal morality (wherein the caste system and the subsequent alienation of certain groups is justified). This negative social relation is essentially 'undemocratic'. It is to fight such separation that Ambedkar attempted to bring the democratic processes of Buddhism into the discourse of modern democracy. According to him, Buddhist Sanghas were spaces where debates, discussions and dissent were encouraged. Moreover, the practice of 'voting', which they called 'Salapatraka Grahakas, began in Sanghas, laying down moral grounds or principles of social freedom and public reason.

Interestingly, according to Ambedkar, the roots of democracy lie within the realm of religion, without which associated living was not possible. Thus, instead of removing aspects of religion completely, he attempts to reconstruct a new version of democracy that accepts the democratic aspects of religions like Buddhism. Finally, Ambedkar realises that in order to conceptualise democracy as a way of life, it was important to distinguish principles and rules in society. He explained that while religion must be restricted to principles, as intellectual methods of judging things, it was rules, or the habitual ways of doing things that must be subscribed to operationalise democracy.

In the *The Buddha and His Dhamma*, Ambedkar elaborates how the concepts of Dhamma, which includes Prajna or thinking and understanding, Sila or good action and finally Karuna or kindness, emerge as a 'morally transformative' concept that dismantles regressive social relations. An integration of such rules helps in transforming the traditional approach to democracy in order to create a new form of democracy based on the concepts of morality. Thus, Ambedkar's conceptualisation of moral democracy rejects the traditional caste-based religion that hinders social interaction and universalises negative particularistic values, replacing them with positive particularistic values and moral orders that bind human beings together.

The article is a testament to how Ambedkar envisioned democracy – a moral project, where there was a harmonious amalgamation of the concepts of equality, liberty and fraternity. He wanted to construct a morally rational system of democracy though he was aware that a mere reconstruction of a system could not change society as it was the change in mutual relationships and respect and a sense of responsibility that could lead to a change in society.

Yet he hoped that such a project would help in removing social differentiation created by the caste system, without which it was difficult to maintain democracy.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Mr. K. S. Shatpada of Hyderabad wants to know the pronunciation of (a) plumber (b) suite."

" 'Plumber' rhymes with 'drummer'. The 'b' in 'plumb' and 'plumber' is silent. Besides its general meaning, 'plumb' is also used in the sense of 'utterly, downright, quite'.

She is plumb certain.

It is plumb nonsense.

He is plumb crazy.

'Suite' is pronounced like 'sweet'. 'Suite' generally means 'set of rooms in a hotel'.

He has booked a suite of rooms in the best hotel in the city.

Please note that 'suite' is different from 'suit'.

An Australian newspaper provided entertainment to its readers when it reported thus: 'The two leaders met for about 45 minutes in Mrs. Thatcher's suit at Nassau's Cable Beach Hotel. The Prime Minister later described the meeting as friendly.' So be careful."

"Mr. M. A. Sadanand of Madras wants to know whether the following sentence is correct: 'Because they heard the warning on the radio and therefore they took another route."

" 'Because' and 'therefore' can't co-exist in a sentence.

Because they heard the warning on the radio, they took another route.

They took another route because they heard the warning on the radio.

They heard the warning on the radio; therefore they took another route.

I went there because I was asked to go there.

I was asked to go there, therefore I went there.

'Because' means 'for the reason that'. 'Therefore' means 'for that reason'. If you say 'Because I was ill, therefore I couldn't go,' it would amount to saying 'For the reason that I was ill, for that reason I couldn't go.' This is awfully clumsy and redundant. 'Because' is used when some reason is given and 'therefore' is used when a conclusion is drawn. Don't use both 'because' and 'therefore' in the same sentence."

"Ms. Lakshmi Sundari of Nellore wants to know the pronunciation of 'drought'."

" 'Drought' rhymes with 'doubt', 'bout', 'tout' and'gout'."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

After a pulsating World Cup final that handed Argentina the most coveted trophy in football, here is a quiz on the country's talisman Lionel Messi and some exhilarating goal scoring moments in his career

Srinivasan Ramani

QUESTION 1

In the 87th minute of a Champions League semi-final, FC Barcelona's Leo Messi was with the ball in a deep position, close to the half-way line. He passed it to Sergio Busquets who held it for a second. He then nudged it slowly to Messi, who had already embarked on an up-tempo run that allowed him to dribble past a first, second, third, fourth and fifth defender before unleashing a slide rule wide-kick with his weak right foot that beat the goal-keeper who was covering the narrow angle. Name the opponent.

QUESTION 2

In a match that Barca needed to win against Real Madrid in the 2016-17 season, the score was 2-2 in the 92nd minute. Barca won a throw-in in the right corner near its own goal-line. Player X threw the ball to Busquets who passed it to Gerard Pique on the goal-line, who then triangulated the ball back to X. X then went on a diagonal dash, going past Luka Modric first, Marcelo next and went past the half-way line. From there he passed it to Andre Gomes who promptly passed it to an on-rushing Jordi Alba on the left wing. Alba then squared the ball to an on-rushing Messi just inside the box who unleashed a curler that just beat a diving Keylor Navas in the right corner of goal. Name X.

QUESTION 3

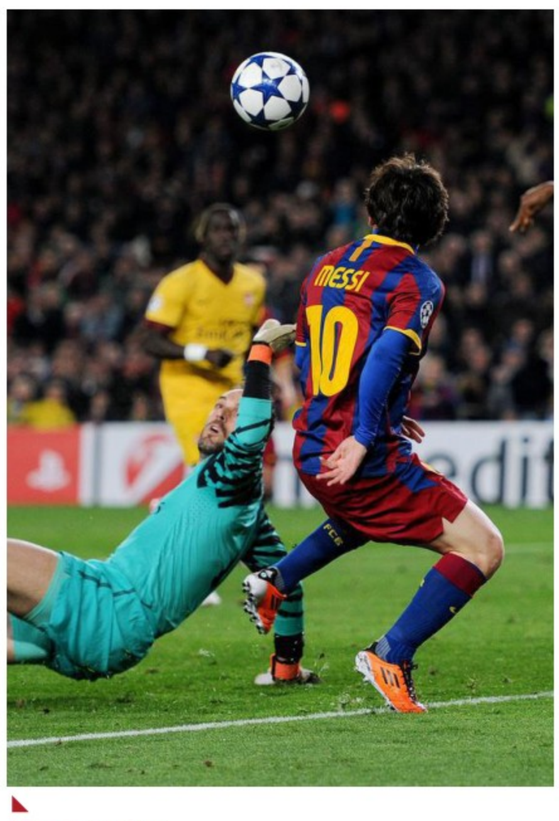
In scoring a goal in 2007 that was a near replica of what his idol Diego Maradona scored against England in the 1986 World Cup quarterfinals, Messi went past six defenders and the goal-keeper in a solo run that began just beyond the half-way line on the right wing. Name the opponent that Barca faced in the La Liga.

QUESTION 4

It was the 83rd minute of a game that was poised at 3-3 between Argentina and an arch-rival, played at a neutral venue (New York City). Messi began a run at near the halfway touchline, cutting inside from the left wing all the way up to the centre of the box before unleashing a screaming shot from the top of it that beat the goal-keeper and secured the Albiceleste's win. Name the opponent.

QUESTION 5

ESPN Sports Science has a detailed video on this incredible goal that began in the 20th minute of this Copa Del Rey final in 2015. Messi began his run close to the half-way line and touchline in the right wing. But instead of cutting inside immediately, he went past three defenders by closely controlling the ball near the touchline, before running towards goal, dribbling past another defender and unleashing a shot that dissected the narrowest gap between goalkeeper and his left post. *ESPN* estimated that the strike was so precise that if the point of contact at the ball when Messi hit it at the goal, was just 1.5 mm away from it, he would have missed the target. Name the opponent.



Visual question:
This moment captures Messi coming up with an exquisite chip over the goalkeeper who had completely narrowed the angle making it difficult for Messi to beat him. The chip allowed him to take the ball over the keeper and score. Name the goalkeeper. GETTY IMAGES

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The name of the 1961 operation that led to the annexation of Goa from this country. **Ans: Operation Vijay; Portugal**

2. According to a Hindu legend, Goa came into being when this avatar of Vishnu shot an arrow into the Arabian Sea. **Ans: Parashurama**

3. The importance of the date May 30, 1987. **Ans: Goa attained Statehood on this date while Daman and Diu became a separate UT**

4. This Goan dish derives its name from its original Portuguese name 'carne de vinha d'alhos'. **Ans: Vindaloo**

5. Lagash was part of this ancient civilisation. **Ans: Sumerian**

6. The father-son duo who won Olympic medals for India albeit in different sports. **Ans: Vece Paes (hockey) and Leander Paes (tennis)**

7. This person's tomb has now become a World Heritage Site. **Ans: St. Francis Xavier's tomb in the Basilica of Bom Jesus**

8. This tree's seed is an integral part of a drink in Goa. **Ans: Cashew and Feni**

Visual: Name this Goan artist and illustrator. **Ans: Mario Miranda**

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Word of the day

Sequestered:
providing privacy or seclusion; kept separate and secluded

Synonyms: preclusive, secluded, cloistered

Usage:
Even though the town has many visitors, it still keeps its quaint and sequestered appearance.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/sequesteredpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /sɪˈkwɛstəd/

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Long wait for civic representatives and the scandal that has cast a question mark over electoral rolls

The Karnataka High Court had recently set a deadline of December 31 to hold the civic polls, but that won't happen as the State government has now been granted time till March 31 to fix the reservation roster for the newly created 243 wards by the Supreme Court

REWIND 2022

K.V. Aditya Bhardwaj
BENGALURU

If the BBMP polls are only held in the second half of 2023, then the city would have gone without an elected council for three years. The voter data theft scandal broke out in November 2022. FILE PHOTO

Coming out of the shadow of the pandemic, 2022, albeit late, would be a year when the city would finally elect its civic representatives again. Or so it was hoped. Meanwhile, the voters' data theft scandal that rocked the city has cast a long shadow of doubt on the electoral rolls.

The Karnataka High Court had recently set a deadline of December 31 to hold the civic polls, but that won't happen as the State government has now been granted time till March 31 to fix the reservation roster for the newly created 243 wards by the Supreme Court. There is also a petition challenging the delimitation of these wards pending before the Division Bench of the High Court.

Even as former councillors, whose term ended in September 2020, waged a legal battle to ensure civic elections, the city MLAs cutting across party lines seem to have consensus to thwart their efforts and push the civic elections to beyond Assembly polls scheduled to be held in April-May 2023.

"Civic polls so close before Assembly polls are a nuisance to MLAs and MLAs ticket aspirants. Every ward has two to three aspirants for councillor tickets from both the BJP and the Congress. Holding civic polls now will only brew discontent and divert a lot of funds earmarked for the Assembly polls," a senior city MLA from the Congress said. A senior BJP MLA concurred: "It is not just city MLAs who are holding back civic polls; taluk and zilla panchayat elections are also being delayed for similar reasons." In fact, it is BJP MLA Satish Reddy who questioned the delimitation of 243 wards in the Karnataka High Court now.

The BJP that has staked even its Central leadership in the civic polls of Hyderabad and Delhi recently, seems to not be keen on betting its stakes in Bengaluru so close to the Assembly polls, where they face anti-incumbency. "Even a lukewarm performance in BBMP, taluk, and zilla panchayat elections will rob the momentum for the party going to Assembly polls," said a senior party strategist. With the odds stacked against them so hard, it is likely that the civic polls in the city, taluk and zilla panchayat polls in the State will be held in the second half of 2023, under a new State government. If held then, the city would have gone without an elected council for three years, including during the punishing second wave of the pandemic when the absence of councillors was acutely felt.

The voter data theft scandal in which a private organisation, Chilume Educational Cultural and Rural Development Trust, allegedly linked to a politician of the ruling party, was tasked with Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme, allegedly impersonated civic officials and stole voters' data, including their political preferences. Two IAS officers have been suspended and several Revenue Officers of BBMP suspended and arrested by the police, apart from the office-bearers of the organisation.

As the scandal broke in November 2022, it has now put a question mark over the sanctity of electoral rolls in the city, especially as it has now come out that Chilume Trust was entrusted with various activities like linking voter ID and Aadhaar card, which was not supposed to be outsourced. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has also conceded the validity of these questions, when it asked for a thorough cross verification of all deletions and additions in the three Assembly constituencies - Shivajinagar, Mahadevapura, and Chickpet. This is based on anecdotal evidence that forged BBMP ID cards were found in these constituencies.

Questions have been raised over how the probe can be restricted to three constituencies when reportedly Chilume Trust had an order from the BBMP to carry out SVEEP activities in all 28 Assembly constituencies across the city. A total of 6.84 lakh entries were deleted and 3.07 lakh new entries added during Special Summary Revision-2022. The Congress has demanded a cross verification of the entire electoral rolls in the city and has launched a private initiative to do so.

INBRIEF

Officials warned against footpath encroachment

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath on Monday warned of action against officials in Rajajinagar for not filling potholes and allowing illegal encroachment of footpaths. Mr. Giri Nath, who is also the district election officer, went door-to-door in Rajajinagar Assembly segment and checked the voters' list and also inspected the footpaths and pothole works. Speaking to reporters, he said: "I have seen many footpath encroachments here and have told officials to take action against encroachers. I have also warned the engineers to take action against footpath encroachments and also warned them of disciplinary action." Days after the voter data theft controversy broke out, the Chief Commissioner is on the ground checking the voters' list in various Assembly constituencies.

Text & Context
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (December 20, Tuesday), the following explainer is available:

- The minimum tax on big businesses
bit.ly/globalminimumtaxrate

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Special teams to probe double murder

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BENGALURU

A day after the gruesome double murder of the staff of a businessman in his house in Koramanagala, five special teams have been formed to track down the assailants.

Kariyappa, 45, a domestic help, and 28-year-old security guard Bahadur were found dead in different places in the house of businessman Rajgopal Reddy in Koramangala 2nd stage on Saturday.

Reddy and his family had gone out of station to attend a wedding when the assailants barged into the house after killing Bahadur, who was guarding outside the house. The assailants later entered the house and bludgeoned Kariyappa to death while he was sleeping in the room. They ransacked the house and escaped with cash of around ₹5 lakh and gold valuables, said the police.

The incident came to light when the family returned and found the house ransacked and Kariyappa dead in a pool of blood. They suspected Bahadur and informed the police. The police later found Bahadur's body in a sump of the house.

"Initial probe has revealed the handiwork of insiders and we are probing this angle," said the police. The police suspect that a former employer, who was sacked for his bad behaviour, might have carried out the attack as he knew the details of the house.

The police are now checking the CCTV footage and questioning the neighbours and shopkeepers.

Five held with Buddha idol

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The SR Nagar police arrested a gang of five, including two from Telangana, while they were allegedly trying to sell a Buddha statue outside a hotel on RRMR road.

The police recovered the 38-cm statue, said to be 200-years-old, kept in a suitcase. They said the accused had bought the statue from a Srikanth from Hyderabad, for ₹30 lakh and smuggled it into city to sell it for over ₹1 crore.

Hosapete bird-watcher rescues injured Eurasian Griffon vulture

Kumar Buradikatti
KALABURAGI

The rescued Eurasian Griffon, a species of vultures, at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park in Kamalapur near Hampi.

Shivashankar Banagar, a bird-watcher from Hospete (also known as Hospet) in north Karnataka, was busy with his routine schedule when he heard of a 'big bird' found by a bunch of curious schoolchildren near Vivekananda School in his neighbourhood in Ranipete on December 16.

He rushed to the spot, but did not find the bird. His enquiries led him to Venu Totadavara Mane, who had allegedly taken the bird from the children and to his home. He reached out to Mr. Venu and found the bird in a cage with food and water. He took photographs of the bird and shared them with his photography teacher Pampaiah Malemath, a wildlife photographer from Kamalapur near Hampi, and Shashi, another wildlife photographer from Ramanagaram. Both identified it as Eurasian Griffon, a vulture species rare for south India. They advised Mr. Banagar to inform the Forest Department, as the bird could not be domesticated.

"At first sight, I thought it was a long-billed vulture, but came to know it was an Eurasian Griffon, a rare species of vulture seldom found in south India. I also came to know that the bird fell because of dehydration," Mr. Banagar told *The Hindu*. The Range Forest Officer from Hosapete took charge of the bird, which was handed over to the experienced staff at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park in Kamalapur, near Hampi. Dr. Vanishree, a veterinary doctor in the zoo, began caring for the new entrant.

Mr. Shashi shared contact details of experts in the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) with Mr. Banagar who, in turn, shared them with Dr. Vanishree. She contacted the BNHS experts and, upon their advice, modified the treatment for the vulture.

"It is now recovering fast. We are feeding chicken and mutton. It may take 3-4 days for the bird to get stable and continue its flight to its destination," Dr. Vanishree said.

Kiran M.N., director of Atal Bihari Vajapayee Zoological Park, said: "We have neither proper facility nor permission from Central Zoo Authority to keep the bird. I enquired with Mysuru zoo authorities who also pleaded helplessness by stating that they too do not have the facility or permission. Patna zoo has the facility but they are not interested in keeping the bird. We will simply let it go once it recovers and is able to fly."

The primary habitats of Eurasian Griffon vultures are in Italy, Croatia, Cyprus, Israel and Greece.

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INBRIEF

Massive protest by State govt. employees under NPS

Thousands of State government employees under the National Pension Scheme (NPS) started an indefinite protest on Monday at Freedom Park demanding scrapping of the scheme. The protesters demanded cancellation of NPS and reintroduction the Old Pension Scheme (OPS). Speaking at the protest, writer Baragur Ramachandrappa said when NPS was implemented in 2006, people did not know of its implications. "Those who retire after 10 or 15 years of service will get only ₹1,500 pension. This is the dark face of NPS," he said.

Legislature pays tributes to departed personalities

Both Houses of the State legislature, which began at Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi on Monday, paid tributes to some noted personalities, who passed away in the recent past. The members of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council recalled the contributions of Deputy Speaker Anand Mamani, former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Mulayam Singh Yadav, former Rajya Sabha member Abdul Samad Siddiqui, former Lok Sabha member Koluru Basavanagouda, former Minister Jabbar Khan Honnalli, former MLC S.S. Poojari, former Minister Sudheendra Rao Kasabe, former MLAs N.T. Bomanna, Srishailappa Bidaruru, Kumble Sundar Rao, Shankaragowda N. Patil, Kannada film actor Lohithashwa, Yakshagana artiste Bangar Achar, Mandya's water warrior Kame Gowda and Vedanta scholar R.L. Kashyap, who died recently.

11 more leaders added to KPCC Election Committee

AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge has approved the inclusion of 11 additional leaders in the Karnataka Pradesh Election Committee for selection of candidates for the Legislative Assembly elections scheduled to be held next year. In the first list, 37 members had been named in the committee. Now the total strength of the committee stands at 48.

Additional leaders included in the committee are: B.L. Shankar, Parameshwara Naik, Umashree, Ramesh Kumar, Ramanath Rai, H.M. Revanna, A.M. Hindasgeri, Zameer Ahmed, Shivanand Patil, Sharanabasappa Gouda Darshanapur, and Sharan Prakash Patil.

The Karnataka Pradesh Election Committee is to shortlist candidates and oversee upcoming Assembly elections in the State. The party had received 1,350 applications seeking ticket for 224 Assembly constituencies in the State.

BJP unveils portrait of Savarkar in Suvarna Soudha amid protests

Opposition Congress demands portraits of Ambedkar, Nehru, Kuvempu, Kanakadasa, and Valmiki; BJP counters saying Indira Gandhi had hailed Savarkar and his contribution to India

IN THE LEGISLATURE

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Congress leaders staging a protest at the entrance of the Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi, and (below) a view of the Assembly Hall where the portraits have been installed. P.K. BADIGER

The winter session of the legislature got off to a stormy start on Monday with the Bharatiya Janata Party unveiling the portrait of Hindutva ideologue V.D. Savarkar, and six others, in the Assembly Hall of Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi, amidst protests by Congress. Earlier, the BJP government had included a lesson on Savarkar in class VIII textbook.

As the House assembled in the morning, Speaker Vishveshwara Hegde Kageri unveiled the portraits of Savarkar, Vallabhbhai Patel, Mahatma Gandhi, Basaveshwara, B.R. Ambedkar, Subhas Chandra Bose, and Swami Vivekananda in the Assembly Hall, in the presence of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. The Congress abstained from the ceremony.

While not directly seeking removal of the portrait of Savarkar, the Opposition Congress staged a protest at the entrance of Suvarna Soudha demanding that portraits of several other personalities too be installed.

Led by Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, the Congress members sat on the steps of the entrance of Suvarna Soudha, holding pictures of Kanakadasa, B.R. Ambedkar, Valmiki and Kuvempu, among others, demanding that their portraits be put up in the Assembly Hall.

'Diversionary tactic'

Mr. Shivakumar argued that there is no connection between Savarkar and Karnataka. He accused the BJP government of unveiling Savarkar's portrait at this juncture to only divert people's attention from the pressing problems plaguing the State, including alleged corruption and maladministration.

"They do not want a discussion on voter data theft case, 40% commission, maladministration or suffering of people in North Karnataka. So they are trying to divert attention and mislead people," he said.

Before staging the protest, Mr. Siddaramaiah wrote to Mr. Kageri stating that there is a need to keep alive the egalitarian ideals and principles of various iconic personalities by installing their portraits. He cited Basaveshwara, Narayana Guru, Maharshi Valmiki, Kanakadasa, Jawaharlal Nehru, B.R. Ambedkar, Kuvempu, Vallabhbhai Patel, and Babu Jagjivan Ram who made invaluable contribution to the Indian cultural heritage.

'Ready to install'

BJP State general secretary Ravikumar said the BJP is ready to put up portraits of personalities suggested by the Congress. In fact, the portraits of Basaveshwara, Ambedkar, and Vallabhbhai Patel were among those unveiled in the Assembly Hall, he said.

Regarding Savarkar, BJP sought to counter the Congress argument by stating that the party's iconic leader and former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had hailed Savarkar and his contribution to India.

It was perhaps owing to this line of argument that Congress tweaked its strategy. Instead of opposing the portrait of Savarkar, they demanded that portraits of other prominent personalities too be displayed in the Assembly Hall.

Uniform Civil Code Bill will not be tabled in this session, says Chief Minister

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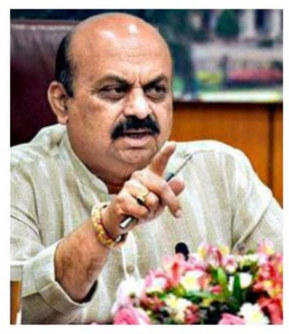

Basavaraj Bommai

Ending speculations on the government trying to introduce the Uniform Civil Code Bill in the ongoing legislature session, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday made it clear that it would not be tabled in this session.

"There is no possibility of the Uniform Civil Code Bill being tabled in this session," he told mediapersons at Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi where the 10-day winter session has begun.

There was much speculation about the Bill being tabled in this session ever since the Chief Minister had said on the Constitution Day in November that the government was seriously examining the possibility of implementing the Uniform Civil Code. Pointing out that UCC was part of the BJP's national manifesto, the Chief Minister had said that he was studying various committees formed by different States.

Replying to a query on what the government proposes to do with respect to a Private Member's Bill that is being planned by Ravikumar, BJP MLC, seeking to restrain private firms from issuing halal authentication, the Chief Minister only said, "Private Members' Bill will have its own position. Let us see."

Mr. Ravikumar is set to move a resolution seeking permission to table the Bill. The BJP member has contended that only a government or a public body is competent enough to provide such certification.

Eshwarappa not to attend session in 'polite protest'

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

K.S. Eshwarappa, former Minister, has said he will "politely protest" against his non-inclusion in the State Cabinet by not attending the winter session of the Assembly.

'Cleared of charges'

He told journalists in Bagalkot that he was hurt that he was not made a Minister despite the police clearing him of all charges.

"I will go to Belagavi, but not attend the session. This is my polite way of protesting against non-inclusion in the Cabinet. I have got a clean chit from the police in the case of the alleged suicide of civil contractor Santosh Patil. I resigned after my name was linked to the case. But I have been cleared of charges. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has been promising to make me a Minister. People are calling me up to ask why I have not been included in the Cabinet. It is insulting. My followers are deeply pained. That is why I have decided to stay away from the session. I have sought the Speaker's permission to remain absent," he said.

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Haveri.
Email: eeprednhvr@gmail.com Tel No. 08375-232454
No. EE/PREDn/HVR/PB-2/Tender/2022-23/5137 Dated:15-12-2022
E-Procurement Short Time Tender Notification No.42/2022-23

The Panchayath Raj Engineering Department through Executive Engineer Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Haveri on behalf of Governor of Karnataka invites the E-Portal Tender as per KW-1,2&3 from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with P.W.D registered for e-Procurement for each of the following works **5054** head of account work as follows. Details can also be obtained in **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** **1)**Improvements to road from Basavanakoppa-Basavanakatti (Heggeri) Road in Shigggaon Taluk**(INDENT96647) 2)**Improvements of Road from Timmapur-Ingalagi road in Shigggaon Taluk**(INDENT96702) 3)**Improvements of Road from Hotanahalli-Bankapur (Heggeri) road in Shigggaon Taluk**(INDENT96710) 4)**Improvements of Road from Teggihalli kere era in Shigggaon Talik(ST)**(INDENT96745) 5)**Improvements of Road from NH4–Kundur(SC)**(INDENT96769) 6)**Improvements of road from Shiggaon/Naganur kere-N.H-4 road in Shiggaon Taluk**(INDENT98041) 7)**Improvements of Road from Hulagur-Basavanal-Tarlaghatta road in Shigggaon**(INDENT96825) 8)**Improvements of road from Panigatti - Bharamalingeshwar road in Shiggaon**(INDENT98040) 9)**Improvements of Road from Belavalakoppa - Ingalagi road in Shiggaon**(INDENT98042) 10)**Construction of CD Adavisomapur-Kadahalli Center in Shiggaon**(INDENT98043) 11)**Construction of CD / Road from Bankapur/Konanakeri-Mallanayanakoppa road in Shiggaon**(INDENT98044) 12)**Improvement of from Road Old Gundur-Navagrama-Hosgundur (Internal Road) in Shigggaon**(INDENT96911) 13)**Improvements of Road from Tallihalli-Karjagi road in Shigggaon**(INDENT96816) 14)**Repairs to HPS school at Kalakeri village in Hangal**(INDENT96658/CALL-2) 15)**Construction of Anganwadi building@Madapura village in Savanur**(INDENT96389/Call-2) 16)**Improvements to road from Kundur -Guddadachandapur - Neeralagi kere road in Shiggaon **(INDENT90844/Call-2)**
1) Last date for uploading completed tender form And documents e-procurement documents through online : 22-12-2022 upto 4.00 PM
2) Date of Technical bid opening (if possible): 23-12-2022 @ 5.00 PM
3) Date of Financial bid Opening (if possible): 28-12-2022 @ 11.00 AM
More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also through our website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** by clicking List of Tenders which will link to all Dept. works list.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/HAVERI/436/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY **P.R.E. Division, Haveri.**

Government of Karnataka
The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Hassan Division, Hassan.
No.EE/PWD/HSN/AE-1/2022-23/ DATED: 17.12.2022.
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 24/2022-23, Dated: 17.12.2022
Tender is invited by the Public Works Department on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000, Standard Tender Document KW-1, KW-2, KW-3 & KW-4 from the eligible registered contractors of Karnataka PWD and the contractors belonging to Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes shall be domicile of the State of Karnataka for more than 10 years through E-procurement pertains to 39 Works in Hassan District. In these tenders 7 tenders are reserved for SC Contractors & tenders 1 tender is reserved for ST Contractors. The minimum tender amount is Rs.2.50 lakhs and maximum tender amount Rs.200.00 lakhs under PWD Hassan Division jurisdiction. Last date of Receipt of tender is 28.12.2022. For more details visit http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. or contact this office through Phone No. 08172-268437 or in person during office hours. **Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Hassan Division, Hassan.**
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(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti-586201. Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur.
Phone:08426-281027 E-mail:dam_division@rediffmail.com
No. KBJNL/DDA/DB/Quotation/2022-23/3231 Dated:19.12.2022
SHORT TERM QUOTATION
Requesting to submit the quotation rates for the following works related to the Almatti Dam works. The details of the works are as follows.
1) Providing Upstream underwater treatment to the Critical Block and Block Joints on upstream surface of Almatti Dam.
2) Survey, Design, Engineering, Installation and Commissioning of Electronic Security Surveillance, Access Control and Public Address system for Almatti Dam Site including 5 years comprehensive maintenance on turnkey basis.
For further details it is requested to visit the undersigned office personally and get the details of each work. The quotations should be submitted in sealed cover or by mail. The last date submission of quotation is on: **29-12-2022**.
Contact e-mail Address:
dam_division@rediffmail.com, aeegates26@gmail.com
Contact Mobil No: Sri.Vithal Jadhav, A.E. Ph.No. 9480165309
Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti
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KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)
Office of theExecutive Engineer, KBJNL.NRBC.Divn.No.4,
Chikkahonnakuni,Tq: Devadurga. Dist:Raichur-584 111. KARNATAKA.
No. KBJNL/NRBC/Div4/PB/BC/ TND//2022-23/739 DATED:12.12.2022
SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDER SYSTEM)
(TWO COVER SYSTEM)
On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, N.R.B.C. Division No. 4, Chikkahonnakuni, invites the percentage tenders in two cover systems from the eligible KPWD Class-1 for work mentioned in the table below. The tenderers are required to submit two separate covers, one containing details of EMD and the particulars under instructions to the tenderers vide clause 1.1 and the other containing financial details of tender as per clauses 1.20 containing price bid will be opened only if tenderer is found to qualified to execute the tender works. The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 1 and 2 of the instruction to tenders to qualify for the award of the work. (The blank tender documents can be obtained through the web site www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and to be submitted through electronic tender box.
1) Name of work : Construction of Box culverts at Ch.22.357 km and Ch.22.900 Km under Distry 23 under NRBC Extension. (INDENT NO. 21972) 2) Amount put to tender: Rs.71.36 Lakhs.3) 3.EMD : Rs.1.68 Lakhs.(Transaction fee as E-procurement Portal). 4.Period : 9 Months (Includig mansoon).
The details of events for the above works as per the notification are mentioned as below :-
1. The contractors can request for e-tendering documents from 19/12/2022 to 02/01/202310.00 AM to 5.00 PM in the web site http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/e-portal/index Seam link e-tender document on payment (non refundable) as fixed by e-portal towards transaction fee. While applying the contractor can pay the transaction fee in the e-procurement portal using payment modes - 1 credit cards / National electronic fund transfer (NEFT) / over the counter (OTC) from 19/12/2022 to 02/01/202310.00 AM to 5.00 PM during office hours. 2) The contractor can have access to e-tender document from 19/12/2022 to 02/01/202310.00 AM to 5.00 PM 3) Submission of completed e-tendering documents from 19/12/2022 to 02/01/2023up to 5.00 PM. 4) Cover - I (Technical bid) will be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, NRBC Division No.4, Chikkahonnakuni on 04-01-2023 at 11.00 AM. 5) Cover -II(Financial bid) will be opened (only selected in Technical Bid) will be opened in the above office on 06-01-2023 at 11.00 AM..6) Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/e-portal/index or in the o/o the undersigned during office hours on working days.
For any clarification regarding the tenders please Contact http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or office of the undersigned during office hours on working days.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, NRBC, Division No.4, CHIKKAHONNAKUNI
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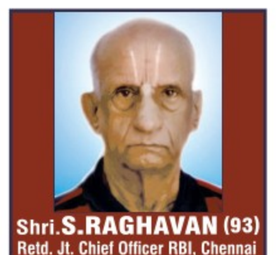
OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH



Shri.S.RAGHAVAN (93)
Retd. Jt. Chief Officer RBI, Chennai
Passed away on 07.12.2022
He is survived by Wife: VARIJA, Daughter & Son-in-law, Son & Daughter-in-law and their Families
Phone: 044 - 24410262

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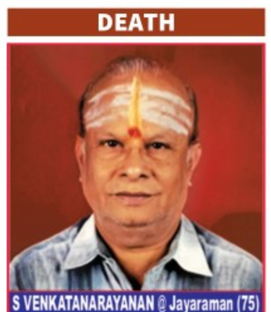

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Retd. CWC
Native of Periyakulam
Fondly remembered for his affection, childlike excitement & earnest tendency, has returned to his heavenly abode on 19th Dec 2022. Final rites at 1st floor, F-2, Kadambari flats, 4-A,Subramaniam St, Nehru Nagar, Chrompet, Chennai - 44. on 20-12-2022, 10 am.
Wife: Jayalakshmi, Son: Vijay - 95000 78227
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Son: Vivek - 98409 19705

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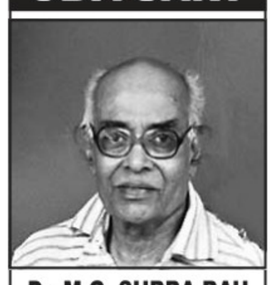

Dr. M.G. SUBBA RAU
Dr. M. G. Subba Rau (93), Retd Professor of Chem Engg. NITK (formerly KREC), Surathkal, passed away peacefully on 16 Dec 2022 at 9 am.
Mourned by his Family, Friends and Students.
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Sons of GTD, HDK, and Ibrahim in JD(S) first list

Harish Gowda has been named candidate for Hunsur, Nikhil Kumaraswamy for Ramanagaram, and Fayaz for Humnabad Assembly segments

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(From left) Harish Gowda, Nikhil Kumaraswamy, and C.M. Fayaz.

Sons of Janata Dal (Secular) leaders H.D. Kumaraswamy, C.M. Ibrahim, and G.T. Deve Gowda are among those who have been named as candidates for the Assembly elections in the official list announced here on Monday.

With this, the Janata Dal (Secular) became the first party to release the list of candidates with the list containing names for 93 Assembly constituencies. Most of the sitting legislators have been retained. Among those named include three women. Mr. Kumaraswamy released the list here, which comes after being postponed twice due to "astrological reasons."

While Mr. Deve Gowda and his son Harish Gowda have been named as candidates for Chamundeshwari and Hunsur constituencies in Mysuru district, respectively, Mr. Kumaraswamy and his son Nikhil Kumaraswamy have been named for Chennapatna and Ramanagaram Assembly constituencies in Ramanagaram district, respectively. Mr. Ibrahim's son C.M. Fayaz has been given ticket from Humnabad in Bidar district.

Patched up

Mr. Gowda, who had remained disgruntled and kept away from party activities for over two years, patched up with leaders recently after his son was also promised ticket. With respect to Mr. Nikhil, his mother Anitha Kumaraswamy, currently representing Ramanagaram, on Saturday announced his candidature, putting to rest speculation over his political future.

In Gubbi Assembly constituency of Tumakuru district, currently represented by now suspended JD(S) legislator Srinivas, the party has named Nagaraju, while in Kolar currently represented by the party's suspended legislator Srinivas Gowda, the party has named C.M.R. Srinath. The candidates have been announced for Bengaluru City, Bengaluru Rural, Tumakuru, Kolar, Mandya, Ramanagaram, Chickballapur, Bidar, Belagavi, Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Chikkamagaluru, Chitradurga, Haveri, Shivamogga and Raichur, among others.

Besides legislators, party sources said that many of the candidates are those who lost the 2018 Assembly elections with less than 2,500 votes.

However, interestingly, the list of candidates for eight Assembly segments in Hassan have not been made yet. The party is yet to decide on the candidate for Hassan Assembly from where Bhavani Revanna, wife of former Minister H.D. Revanna, is keen to contest. Besides, there is no clarity yet on candidature of A.T. Ramaswamy and K.M. Shivlinge Gowda, who currently represent Arkalgud and Arsikere, respectively. "Hassan candidates will be named in the second list around the time that Pancharatna yatra arrives in Hassan," said a source.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 19.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Cold wave conditions likely in isolated pockets over Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and north Rajasthan. Dense/very dense fog likely in most/some/isolated pockets over Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Sikkim

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	28.0	13.0	Kozhikode	—	34.0	24.0
Ahmedabad	—	32.0	17.3	Kurnool	—	31.0	19.8
Aizawl	—	—	13.5	Lucknow	—	23.0	9.5
Allahabad	—	25.3	9.4	Madurai	—	32.7	21.0
Bengaluru	—	26.2	17.6	Mangaluru	—	33.2	23.5
Bhopal	—	26.3	10.0	Mumbai	—	33.5	22.0
Bhubaneswar	—	28.7	13.0	Mysuru	—	30.2	19.2
Chandigarh	—	24.1	8.1	New Delhi	—	23.2	7.2
Chennai	—	29.1	21.7	Patna	—	24.7	11.4
Coimbatore	—	30.0	20.2	Port Blair	0.4	29.6	26.4
Dehradun	—	25.2	7.6	Puducherry	—	29.9	19.3
Gangtok	—	13.8	9.0	Pune	—	31.0	17.0
Goa	—	34.0	21.5	Raipur	—	29.4	13.6
Guwahati	—	27.7	13.4	Ranchi	—	24.2	9.0
Hubballi	—	30.0	16.0	Shillong	—	19.7	8.7
Hyderabad	—	28.6	14.5	Shimla	—	15.8	6.5
Imphal	—	24.2	8.0	Srinagar	—	12.1	-3.1
Jaipur	—	25.0	10.5	Thiruvananthapuram	—	30.7	24.3
Kochi	—	32.4	24.2	Tiruchi	—	29.3	21.0
Kohima	—	19.2	6.5	Vijayawada	—	29.6	20.0
Kolkata	—	26.9	17.0	Visakhapatnam	—	28.9	20.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.22	155	44	58	106	
Bengaluru	.14	20	36	223	110	
Chennai	.23	45	46	133	102	
Delhi	.17	103	80	450	436	
Hyderabad	2	42	40	167	146	
Kolkata	.18	.25	34	311	229	
Lucknow	7	73	96	365	298	
Mumbai	.19	.18	97	232	152	
Pune	—	—	55	—	—	
Visakhapatnam	.32	.53	35	177	185	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 471 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 25

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

How an A.P. village sent 300 monkeys to the forest

V. Kamalakara Rao
VISAKHAPATNAM

Nearly 5,000 residents of Aratlakota village in Anakapalli district, 105 km from Visakhapatnam, have come together to tackle the problems posed by monkeys in their village by designing a plan of action.

The people brought it to the attention of sarpanch P. Appalanarsa several times, and she had addressed the public issue in a meeting held with the officials of the respective departments in April.

It was then decided to send the monkeys to safe places and call for tenders for accomplishing the same. Three agencies specialising in monkey trapping participated in the tenders. Govinda Aggiramudu of Korukonda (Rajahmundry), who offered the lowest price of ₹330 per animal was assigned the task.

Aggiramudu's team started catching monkeys from the second week of December. They have so far caught around 300 monkeys using scientific methods. Later, in the presence of forest officials, the animals were released into the forest of Pandenduva Mailu, which is located about 20 km from Paderu.

Plan of action: Over 300 monkeys were captured and released into the dense forest with the aid of forest officials. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Ms. Appalanarsa, an alumnus of Andhra University's Department of Botany, said, "All the residents of the village did not ask me about the repair works of roads, street lights or any others. All of them voiced only one public problem, which was the monkey menace. It has been the most serious issue in our village for years. With the cooperation of the elders and people, we decided to solve the problem. We finally sent more than 300 monkeys into the dense forest and are closely monitoring the remaining 50 to 100 monkeys."

A resident of the village, Arjun, said that his daughter Aksha was injured in a monkey attack in the first week of December. "She is our only daughter. We rushed her to the hospital where the doctors said there was no harm done. Every day, at least one person goes to hospital with injuries inflicted by the monkeys. Now, we are getting some relief," he added.

Aggiramudu said that the villagers cooperated to catch the monkeys.

"We used bananas, groundnuts and peas among other fruits and nuts to attract the monkeys," a monkey catcher said. When contacted, Payakaraopeta Forest Section Officer Lakkoju Vijay Kumar told *The Hindu* that on the instructions of the forest officials, they guided the monkey catching team and assisted them during the release of the monkeys.

Water level at Mullaperiyar dam inches close to 142 ft

The Hindu Bureau
IDUKKI

The water level at the Mullaperiyar dam inched closer to the maximum level of 142 ft on Monday.

The water level recorded at 1 p.m. on Monday was 141.6 ft. While the tunnel discharge was 250 cusecs, the average inflow was 250 cusecs.

The maximum storage level as per the Supreme Court order is 142 ft.

Tamil Nadu issued the second flood warning when the water level crossed the 141-ft mark on December 14. The first flood warning was issued on December 3 when water level touched 140 ft.

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ADDENDUM
No.21160/OMC/2022
Date: 19/12/2022

In continuation to Advertisement No.73/OMC dtd.23.11.2022, the last date of receipt of application for the post of General Manager (Civil) in E-7 grade only, which was 16.12.2022, is hereby extended up to **31.12.2022.**

Those who have already applied for the aforesaid post need not apply again.

All other terms & conditions of the above advertisement shall remain unchanged.

Sd/-
GENERAL MANAGER (P&A)

N.B. Candidates are advised to visit OMC website (https:omcltd.in) regularly for further updates.

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)
Office of theExecutive Engineer, KBJNL.NRBC.Divn.No.4,
Chikkahonnakuni,Tq: Devadurga. Dist:Raichur-584 111. KARNATAKA.

No. KBJNL/NRBC/D-4/PB/BC/ TND//2022-23/ 738 DATED:12 -12 -2022

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDER SYSTEM)
(TWO COVER SYSTEM)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, N.R.B.C. Division No. 4, Chikkahonnakuni, invites the percentage tenders in two cover systems from the eligible KPWD Class-1 for work mentioned in the table below. The tenderers are required to submit two separate covers, one containing details of EMD and the particulars under instructions to the tenderers vide clause 1.1 and the other containing financial details of tender as per clauses 1.20 containing price bid will be opened only if tenderer is found to qualified to execute the tender works. The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 1 and 2 of the instruction to tenders to qualify for the award of the work. (The blank tender documents can be obtained through the web site www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and to be submitted through electronic tender box.

1) Name of work : Extension of Lateral No.09 of Arakera Branch Canal of Dy. No. 9(A) (INDENT NO. 21944). 2) Amount put to tender :Rs.133.86 Lakhs.3) EMD: 2.37 Lakhs. (Transaction fee as E-procurement Portal).4) Period : 6 Month (Includig mansoon). The details of events for the above works as per the notification are mentioned as below :-

1) The contractors can request for e-tendering documents from 19-12-2022 to 02-01 -2023 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM in the web site http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/e-portal/index Seam link e-tender document on payment (non refundable) as fixed by e-portal towards transaction fee. While applying the contractor can pay the transaction fee in the e-procurement portal using payment modes - 1 credit cards / National electronic fund transfer (NEFT) / over the counter (OTC) from 19-12-2022 to 02-01 -2023 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM during office hours. 2) The contractor can have access to e-tender document from 19-12-2022 to 02-01 -2023 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM. 3) A pre-bid meeting will be conducted on 26-12-2022 at 11.30 AM at the o/o the the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, NRBC Division No.4, Chikkahonnakuni, Tq: Devadurga, Dist: Raichur.4) Submission of completed e-tendering documents from 19-12-2022 to 02-01 -2023 up to 5.00 PM. 5) Cover - I (Technical bid) will be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, NRBC Division No.4, Chikkahonnakuni on 04-01-2023 at 11.00 AM. 6) Cover -II (Financial bid) will be opened (only selected in Technical Bid) will be opened in the above office on 06-01-2023 at 11.00 AM.

For any clarification regarding the tenders please Contact http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or office of the undersigned during office hours on working days.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, NRBC, Division No.4,
CHIKKAHONNAKUNI

DIP/Raichur/487/MC&A/2022-23

INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE
Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao Road, Nagarabhavi P.O. Bengaluru-560 072. www.isec.ac.in

TENDER NOTIFICATION
Dated: 19th December 2022

Sealed tenders are invited for Rewiring of staff quarters at ISEC from the reputed Bengaluru based contractors having adequate experience in such works. Interested agencies may collect the tender document by paying Rs.1000/- by cash / DD / Pay Order of any scheduled bank drawn in facour of **"The Registrar, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru"**, from Estate Office at the above address. Pre-bid meeting will be held on **5th January 2023 at 11.00 a.m**. Last Date for submission of sealed tender: **18th January 2023.** Tenders will be opened on **24th January 2023 at 11.00 a.m**. in the Committee Room. Interested Tenderers may be present while opening the tenders.

ISEC-22326 Registrar

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
Office of The Engineer in Chief,
2nd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G Road, Bangalore- 560009

No.: BWSSB/EIC/ACE(WWM-P-WEST)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/5684/2022-23 Date: 19.12.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Only through e-Procurement Portal)

BWSSB invites Tender in two cover tender system from eligible tenderers for the work of **Design and Construction of Up-gradation of existing 20 MLD capacity STP at Nagasandra (Phase II) with One (1) year of Defects Liability Period including minor and major repairs to all the installed equipment's, round the clock for a period of 1 year on Turnkey contract.**

Amount put to tender: **Rs. 430.61 Lakhs**. EMD: **Rs. 7.62 Lakhs**.

Last date and time for reciept of tenders will be on **18.01.2023** upto **16:00 hours**. The technical tender opening is on **20.01.2023** at **10:00 hours**.

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**.

For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/MIA/3613/2022-23 Engineer in Chief

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.EEP/e-tender/A1A2/918 Date: 10.12.2022

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders are invited through GoK e-procurement Portal: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** under **"GOODS"** category on 07.12.2022, 09.12.2022, 10.12.2022 & 12.12.2022 as per RTPS requirements. Consolidated Procurement of **1.** RTPS/MRP10/G/21-22/4261/CALL-4, Cable jointing and wiring materials for all projects of KPCL. EMD: **Rs. 7,800/-. 2.** RTPS/MRP52/G/21-22/3726/CALL-4, Washers, Shims & Strainers for Boiler Maintenance. EMD: **Rs. 5,000/-. 3.** RTPS/MRP16/G/21-22/4698, Abrasives. EMD: **Rs. 11,020/-. 4.** EEP/ET/EE(P)/RTPS/22-23/637, Tri Sodium Phosphate. EMD: **Rs. 2,800/-. 5.** RTPS/MRP62/G/21-22/1411/CALL-5, Stacker/Reclaimer-3 Hydraulic Spares for CHP. EMD: **Rs. 6,386/-. 6.** RTPS/MRP62/G/21-22/1422/CALL-5, Oil Seal for Coal Handling Plant. EMD: **Rs. 11,892/-. 7.** RTPS/MRP62/G/21-22/1446, Impellor & connectors for CHP. EMD: **Rs. 6,970/-. 8.** RTPS/MRP62/G/21-22/1417, ILMS Spares for CHP. EMD: **Rs. 25,000/-. 9.** RTPS/MRP30/G/21-22/4248/CALL-3, Welding Transformer & Accessories. EMD: **Rs. 14,100/-. 10.** RTPS/MRP30/G/21-22/4251/CALL-2, Welding Helmets, Hand Gloves etc.,. EMD: **Rs. 11,100/-. 11.** EEP/ET/EE(P)/RTPS/22-23/634, Rectifier Welding Machine. EMD: **Rs. 3,000/-. 12.** RTPS/MRP24/G/21-22/4514/CALL-4, Asbestos Cloth, Wool Felt, Cork Sheet, etc., to All KPCL Projects. EMD: **Rs. 5,158/-. 13.** RTPS/MRP62/P/21-22/1412, Voith Fluid Coupling. EMD: **Rs. 2,600/-.** Last date for the receipt of tenders: **22.12.2022, 16:00Hrs.** for Sl. No. 4, **24.12.2022, 11:00Hrs.** for Sl. No. 1, **26.12.2022, 16:00Hrs.** for Sl. No. 2, 6 , 7, 10 & 11, **27.12.2022, 16:00Hrs.** for Sl. No. 3, 5 & 9, **29.12.2022, 16:00Hrs.** for Sl. No. 8 & 12. **30.12.2022, 16:00Hrs.** for Sl. No. 13. Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (Purchase), RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar - 584170, Raichur District,** Mobile No.: **94495 96527.** E-mail: **eeprtps@gmail.com.**

Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation
Civil Engineering Department, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-27.
No.BMTC/CO/CE/EE/1030 / 2022-23 Date: 17.12.2022

e-Procurement Short-Term Tender Notification No. 19/2022-23

Single cover system item rate tender is invited for the work of "Arranging 11KV HT.Power supply to an extent of 750 KVA for EV charging at BMTC Bus Stand, Hosakote" Amount put to tender: **Rs. 38.94 Lakhs, EMD: Rs. 77,900/-.** The tender is invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public procurement ordinance of 2000, and Act 2000, from the Class-I Electrical Contractors/Firms registered in Department of Electrical Inspectorate, GoK. In E-procurement the contractors/firms will have to upload all informations, documents and rates etc in website only. **i.e. https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** No documents will be accepted in person physically. **(1)** Last date of receipt of tender: **07.01.2023**. Date of opening of tender: **09.01.2023. (2)** Any other information required can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer during working hours or through website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, BMTC

KARNATAKA STATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD
No.16, 2nd Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001
PH: 080-22867369 / FAX: 080 -22863962 e-mail: cgmksamb@gmail.com

Tender No: KSAMB/PRO/43/2022-23 Dated: 19.12.2022

SHORT - TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Karnataka State Agricultural Marketing Board (KSAMB), Under Minimum Support Price Scheme - 2022-23 procures Ragi, Paddy and Jowar in six districts of the State, KSAMB Bengaluru invites tender from reputed Handling and Transportation Contractors in two cover system for Transport and Handling of procured commodities in Mysore, Kodagu, Ballary, Vijayanagara, Raichur, Belagavi Districts through e-Procurement portal **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** under the Indent No: **KSAMB/PRO/43.**

Note: For further details please visit website https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and the last date to submit the bid is 26.12.2022.

Sd/-
Chief General Manager
DIPR/CP/3605/SHIRDI SAI/2022-23 K.S.A.M.B., Bengaluru.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.:903/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/EE(E)/T-1/22-23/6301-11 Date:19.12.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites tenders for the following works on Partial Turn Key Basis.

1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/EE/AEE-1/ 22-23/110 KV/STN-27 /110KV Bellatti, for Replacement of 1x10MVA,110/11kV transformer by 1x20MVA, 110/11kV transformer alongwith switchgear at 110kV Bellatti sub-station in Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag District including supply of equipments / materials, erection, civil works, testing and commissioning.

2) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/EE/AEE-1/22-23/110 KV/STN-28/Gajendragad, for Providing additional 1x10MVA, 110/11kV transformer along with 11kV Switchgear at 110kV Gajendragada sub-station in Gajendragada Taluk, Gadag District including supply of equipments / materials, erection, civil works, testing and commissioning.

The detailed Notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-Procurement Portal process can be obtained by logging into KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on Hyperlink "e-procurement-KPTCL" or e-procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **20.12.2022.** Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),Tr. (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Karwar Road, Vidyuthnagar, Hubballi - 24 Phone / Fax : 0836-2203094

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOSS OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

Public are hereby informed that my client **Mr. C Hanuma Reddy**, S/o C Chandra Reddy, Bengaluru, has lost the following original documents:
1. Sale Deed dated: 03.06.1994, registered as Document No.700/1994-95.
2. Partition Deed dated: 26.01.2005, registered as Document No.32592/206-07.
In spite of my client's effort to search for the above original documents, he could not trace the same and left with no alternative, on 14.11.2022, my client gave a complaint to the SHO, Soladevanahlli Police Station, Bengaluru. The Police gave an acknowledgement dated: 14.11.2022 to this effect.
Wherefore, the public are hereby requested to handover the above mentioned original documents to the undersigned if the same are found.

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2. Sale Deed dated: 31.12.2004, registered as Document No.ANK-1- 21123-2004-05, stored in CD No.ANKD46, registered in the Office of the Senior Sub-registrar, Anekal.
3. Consent Deed dated: 06.01.2005, registered as Document No.ANK-1-21588-2004-05, stored in CD No.ANKD46, registered
in the Office of the Senior Sub-registrar, Anekal. In spite of my client's effort to search for the above original documents, he could not trace the same and left with no alternative, on 28.09.2022, my client gave a complaint to the SHO, Soladevanahlli Police Station, Bengaluru. The Police gave an acknowledgement dated: 30.09.2022 to this effect.
Wherefore, the public are hereby requested to handover the above mentioned original documents to the undersigned if the same are found.

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A planet in crisis

Tangible outcomes from biological diversity convention are far away

A month after the 27th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27) in Egypt, diplomatic retinue went into a contentious huddle again to save the planet – in Montreal, Canada, this time, and as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). While both these conferences can trace their origins to the Rio summit of 1992, the CBD does not get anywhere near the media attention COP commands. There are no world leaders and heads of state making grandiloquent commitments because the CBD largely continues to be framed as an 'environmentalist' concern, much like what COP used to be, until the forces of capitalism managed to reimagine the idea of a planet being inexorably slow-cooked in greenhouse gases to one that may yet be saved by renewable energy sources – and at the very least – make some entrepreneurs rich.

Unlike cyclones and melting glaciers that have become visual aids to bring home the climate crisis wrought by invisible gases, biodiversity loss continues to be largely invisible despite its victims being extremely visible. Based on current trends, the UN reckons, an estimated 34,000 plant and 5,200 animal species, including one in eight of the world's bird species, face extinction. About 30% of breeds of main farm animal species are currently at high risk of extinction. Forests are home to much of the known terrestrial biodiversity, but about 45% of the earth's original forests are gone, cleared mostly during the past century. Yet, because much of this extinction is not finely accounted for as the rise in per capita carbon emissions or temperature swings, it fails to evoke the urgency it deserves. In this light, India's stance, i.e., of not wanting hard targets on proposals such as reducing the use of pesticides, given that their effects on impacting biodiversity are documented, and conserving 30% of land and sea, seems anachronistic particularly when it sees itself as a champion of conservation and living in harmony with nature. While India, adopting a negotiating tack from climate conferences, has argued that different nations have differing levels of responsibility towards biodiversity conservation (which requires richer nations to be more generous funders of global conservation efforts), it is well known that such demands are a dead end unless countries agree to definite targets. What cannot be measured, as the adage goes, cannot be understood or addressed. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the CBD, has described the negotiations as one that should result in a "Paris moment for nature"; while this was not quite what happened, countries have agreed on preparing concrete road maps by 2024 and the richer ones, committing $30 billion an annum by 2030. But seeing tangible outcomes is a long time away.

Destiny's man

Messi lived up to his own script and delivered the World Cup to Argentina

Sporting greats can at times impose their will on the game. On a delirious Sunday night at Doha's Lusail Stadium, it was Lionel Messi's turn to dominate and clinch the FIFA World Cup for Argentina. This was a summit clash for the ages as France twice reversed the deficit to draw level at 3-3 before Argentina prevailed at 4-2 in the penalties. Having seen 35 summers and multiple heart-breaks in his previous four World Cups, the latest final offered Messi one last chance at wresting the cup that was previously secured for Argentina by the great Diego Maradona in the 1986 Mexico edition. A nation's expectations, the world's gaze and his teammates yearning for the greatest trophy, all rested on Messi's magical feet. It is always difficult for an individual to flourish within a team-sport. It needs synergy, a common desire and an equitable distribution of skill sets. Messi prospered in his previous stint with FC Barcelona, has won four Champions League titles, seven Ballon d'Or awards, led Argentina to a Copa America triumph and yet the World Cup remained elusive until Sunday's pulsating final against a doughty rival thriving on Kylian Mbappe's exploits. Through this World Cup and despite the shock loss to Saudi Arabia in its first match, Argentina found a throbbing spine in Messi.

The captain was the indulgent patriarch, scoring goals but more importantly setting up assists that were soaked in magic realism. The pass to Nahuel Molina against the Netherlands and the way he sold a dummy to Croatian defender Josko Gvardiol before setting up Julian Alvarez, were incredible efforts that took the mesmerised opposition by surprise and fed the adulatory anticipation of his teammates. In the final, Messi was in the thick of action luring the defenders before blessing his fellow strikers with quick crosses. Di Maria, like Alvarez in the previous games, could weave in. Yet, in a match that witnessed Argentina's possessional superiority, France deserves credit for the way a comeback was executed. Mbappe and Messi, who turn out for Paris Saint-Germain FC, as expected dictated the flow of the game. Maradona, who died two years ago, and an ailing Pele have ideal successors in Messi and Mbappe. In a World Cup lit up by the exploits of African and Asian countries with an upset always around the corner, Argentina and France showed that pedigreed teams can last the distance through resilience and a hint of magic, like the one that shimmered from the boots of Messi and Mbappe.

A role for India in a world wide web

A recent statement by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar that India can play a "stabilising" and "bridging" role, at a time when the world no longer offers an "optimistic picture", is intriguing. He stated that India can contribute towards the "de-risking of the global economy" and in political terms, "in some way, help depolarise the world".

He said, "I think those are really expectations that a lot of other countries, especially countries of the global south have of us. Obviously, we will try and do what we can, and we remain in touch with all the bottom countries of the world." He added, "Countries wanted to talk to us, because there is a belief that we are in touch with key players [and] we can influence them, we can shape the thinking, we can contribute, we are prepared, sometimes to say things which many others cannot see, or have reached out to countries and leaders in a way may not be possible for everybody to do so."

Mr. Jaishankar's is an ambitious formulation expressed, wisely, in cautious terms. In 2012, when I wrote my book, *Pax Indica: India and the World in the 21st Century*, many immediately misconstrued the title phrase to mean world domination, as in the familiar "Pax Romana" or "Pax Britannica". What I meant, however, was the critical role I believed India has to play in what has become a cooperative networked system in our multi-polar world. The idea of "Pax Indica", to me, is not about India as a future "world leader" or even as "the next superpower", a status assorted commentators claimed that it was heading irresistibly towards. Instead "Pax Indica", in my conception, was about India's role in shaping the emerging global "network" which would define international relations and world politics in the 21st century. I believe that the era of any country claiming or seeking to be a "world leader" is definitely over – and I hope Beijing is listening.

Shashi Tharoor

is a third-term Lok Sabha MP (Congress) from Thiruvananthapuram, a former Under Secretary General of the United Nations, a former Minister of State for External Affairs and former Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs. Among his 24 books are 'Pax Indica: India and the World in the 21st Century' and 'The New World Disorder' (co-authored with Samir Saran)

The evolution of a role for India, where it moves to exercising a vision of responsibility on the world stage, would be worth watching

An archaic notion

In any case, the very idea of "world leadership" is a curiously archaic notion; the very phrase is redolent of Kipling ballads and James Bondian adventures. What makes a country a world leader? Is it population, in which case India is on course to top the charts, overtaking China as the world's most populous country next year? Is it military strength (there, India has the world's fourth-strongest army) or nuclear capacity (India's status having been made clear in 1998, and then formally recognised in the India-U.S. nuclear deal some years later)? Is it economic development? There, India has made extraordinary strides in recent years; it is already the world's third largest economy in PPP (purchasing-power parity) terms and continues to climb, though too many of our people continue to live destitute, amidst despair and disrepair. Or could it be a combination of all these, allied to something altogether more difficult to define – "soft power"? As Joseph Nye has argued in regard to the U.S., does not the power of attraction mean much more today than the force of arms or economic muscle in wielding influence in the world?

Much of the conventional analyses of any country's stature in the world relies on the all-too-familiar economic and hard-power assumptions. But as India demonstrates daily, we are famously a land of paradoxes, and among those paradoxes is that so many speak about India as a great power of the 21st century when we are not yet able to feed, educate and employ all our people. So it is not economic growth, military strength or population numbers that I would underscore when I think of our nation's potential role in the world of the 21st century. Rather, it is a transformation of the terms of global exchange and the way countries adapt to the new international, interlinked landscape that will shape their future role and direction. Far from evolving into a "world leader", India, for instance, should become an active participant in a world that is no longer defined by parameters such as "superpowers" or "great powers" exercising "world leadership".

Foreign policy has much more to it

The old binaries of the Cold War era are no longer relevant. At the same time, the distinction between domestic and international is less and less meaningful in today's world. Foreign policy is no longer just foreign: when we think of foreign policy, we must also think of its domestic implications. The ultimate purpose of any country's foreign policy is to promote the security and well-being of its own citizens. We want a world that gives us the conditions of peace and security that will permit us to grow and flourish, safe from foreign depredations but open to external opportunities.

We are living in a world in which one defining paradigm for foreign policy is impossible. We cannot simply be non-aligned between two superpowers when one of them sits on our borders and nibbles at our territory. But nor can we afford to sacrifice our strategic autonomy in a quest for self-protection. We need to define a new role for ourselves that depends on our understanding of the way the world is.

My metaphor for today's globalised world is that of the World Wide Web. In this increasingly networked world, we are going to have to work through multiple networks, which will sometimes overlap with each other with common memberships, and sometimes be distinct. But they all serve our interests in different ways and for different purposes. Our External Affairs Minister meets annually with his Russian and Chinese counterparts in the trilateral RIC; he adds Brazil and South Africa in BRICS; subtracts both Russia and China in IBSA, for South-South co-operation; and retains China but excludes Russia in BASIC, for environmental negotiations. (And this is not merely because India's name begins with that most useful element in any acronym, a vowel!)

Another set of paradoxes

This kind of world-wide-web style networking reflects other paradoxes of our world. India belongs both to the non-aligned movement, which reflects its experience of colonialism, and the community of democracies, which reflects its 75 years of experience as a democracy alongside many of the countries it rails against in the non-aligned movement. India is a leading light of the global "trade union" of developing countries, the G-77 (Group of 77), which has some 120 countries, and also of the global macro-economic "management", the G-20 (Group of 20 developed and developing countries whose presidency India has just assumed). India plays an influential role both in the United Nations, a universal organisation that has 193 member states, and in the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) that has only its seven neighbours. We have the great ability to be in all these great institutional networks, pursuing different objectives with different partners, and in each finding a valid purpose that suits us. This is why I have long suggested that India has moved beyond non-alignment to what I called multi-alignment, though I must admit the phrase did not catch on when I first used it in 2009. (Now Mr. Jaishankar happily cites it, and was gracious enough to credit me for it when he first used it at the Raisina Dialogue.)

Today, India, and indeed most countries, can take our sovereignty for granted; we know no one would dare threaten it. Our strategic autonomy is a fact of life and no longer something that has to be fought for. We are now in a position to graduate from a focus limited to our own sovereign autonomy to exercising a vision of responsibility on the world stage, from a post-colonial concern with self-protection to a new role participating in the making of global rules and even playing a role in imposing them. This seems to be what Mr. Jaishankar was suggesting in his recent remarks, and the evolution of this role is well worth watching.

The cost to the country just for savings in CTC

According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey 2021, India has about 100 million casual workers and 50 million salaried workers with no written job contract. This gives us an estimate of 150 million contract workers – or about 30% of the total labour force in the country. In the Annual Survey of Industries, the share of contract employment in total industrial employment increased from 24% in 2004 to 38% in 2017. These non-payroll contract workers are ubiquitously sighted as technicians, drivers, housekeeping staff in offices and commercial complexes, or just unskilled labour in factories. As outsourcing became the trend, many manpower supplier firms mushroomed in the country to meet the ever-growing demand.

After 2001, the public sector also started outsourcing many vacancies, citing them as non-core activities. In the Public Enterprises Survey 2021, the share of casual/contract workers in public sector units (PSUs) was 17.1% in 2011-12, which increased to 19% in 2015-16 and 37.2% in 2020-21. There were 4,81,395 contractual workers in central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) in 2021. This figure was 2,68,815 in 2011, indicating the conversion of many permanent jobs into contractual ones.

Why it is considered 'beneficial'

Apparently, the cost to the company (CTC) is lower for contract employment when compared to permanent employment. This is considered beneficial for the economy as reduced CTC has not only improved profits for India Inc., but also attracts foreign investment.

However, is there a cost to the country (the other CTC) also, when permanent jobs (mostly involving the perennial nature of work) are outsourced to contract labour? To answer this question, let us first analyse the reason behind this global trend of outsourcing.

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Savings in cost to the company may be considered beneficial to the economy, but the cascading impact it has on both contract and permanent workers in the public and private sectors cannot be ignored

Besides wages, there are five typical human resource costs: hiring costs, induction costs, career progression costs, severance and superannuation costs. Hiring costs are higher for the public sector when compared to the private sector. Millions apply for a few hundred vacancies in the public sector. Conducting examinations on this scale becomes a nightmare for the state machinery. Hiring through manpower suppliers is cost and time efficient. As contract labour requires minimal training, it reduces CTC. Management prefers contract labour as they are not entitled to the generous paid leave enjoyed by a permanent employee. Further saving comes from no commitment to promotion or post-retirement benefits to contractual workers. Lastly, the flexibility of firing contractual employees is considered to be positively impacting labour productivity.

Wage suppression

A major saving in CTC comes from wage suppression. It is a known fact that contractors somehow manage to pay less than minimum wages to labour. This means that a majority of the 150 million contractual workers in the country are underpaid. Notwithstanding the profits earned by contractors or firms this way, the economy stands to lose on account of reduced consumption and saving. Corners cut in hiring and training lead to a deterioration in service quality, which results in second-order losses, and sometimes accidents. According to a recent study published in The Lancet, an annual increase in outsourced spending of 1% in the National Health Service in England is associated with a rise in treatable mortality of 0.38%.

Since underpaid contractual workers cannot afford adequate health care for themselves and their family members, the country's overall human capital declines. As nobody invests in the upskilling of contractual workers, the labour productivity of the economy is also adversely impacted. Low in morale, contractual workers are not as interested in improving the quality of the product and services, thus affecting the export competitiveness of the economy.

Innovative tactics companies use

Platform and tech companies have devised innovative ways to get around the legal provisions of labour acts. For example, designating employees as business partners (in the case of online cab booking and food delivery companies), and segmenting core activity as tech business (in the case of most of the service aggregators). The exploitative nature of contract employment has a detrimental distributional effect which keeps the wages of permanent workers suppressed too. While more research is required to quantify the adverse impact of replacing permanent jobs with contract employment, it certainly costs the country's economy if millions of workers are underpaid and vulnerable to health hazards. The well-being of contract workers and their family members should not be the price the country should pay for savings in CTC. The argument that permanency of employment breeds inefficiency has its own merit and should be dealt with for its root causes. The public sector should reform its appraisal mechanism so as to reward the efficiency of permanent workers. The private sector should realise that outsourcing's cost to the country might be much more than the cost to the company in the long run.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Citizenship path

One fails to understand why India is making the citizenship path easy for only the "6 non-Muslim community minority groups from 3 nations" (Page 1, December 19). If religious persecution is considered as a criterion for taking a lenient view in issuing the citizenship certificate for the non-Muslim community minority groups, can any one vouchsafe for the non-persecution of the Muslim community in the three countries in question?

If the Centre was so keenly interested in accepting these persecuted people irrespective of their community status, it could have simply stated that all persecuted people from the three countries would be issued Indian citizenship, of course subject to the submission of valid documents as stipulated in the extant rules. It is still not late for the Union government to revisit the citizenship issuance rules.

A. Jainulabdeen,
Chennai

The grant of citizenship excludes Muslims. At the same time, there are moves to identify Muslim refugees to deport to Bangladesh. The Government's decision must encompass all displaced refugees irrespective of their religion. Only then will it reflect the true secular nature of our great country.

S. Syed Basheer Ahamed,
Madurai

A match most thrilling

Argentina may have lifted the FIFA World Cup title but one has to acknowledge France's incredible performance in the nail-biting final. Lionel Messi and Kylian Mbappe added phenomenal sheen to their respective teams. From start to finish, the match was breathtaking.

Rajamani Chelladurai,
Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu

Words cannot describe the beauty of that last game, with the players of both teams straining every nerve to win. The final match was exhilarating and worth every minute of play.

Prabhakaran Vallath,
Vatakara, Kozhikode, Kerala

What a nail-biting final game. Argentina was moving ahead but Mbappe had quite a few tricks. Argentina's journey, that Messi curated, shows why it is a world-class team.

Arun Kumar Mahadevan,
Chennai

It was a ding-dong battle, with Messi putting up a "lion"-hearted performance. There was no "messi"-ing up. France was close to victory but Argentina won the cliff hanger.
Finally it was left to the goalkeepers of both teams to prove to be the decisive factors in the match. Doha too played the perfect host.

Hemant Hemmady,
Virar, Maharashtra

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Criminalising consensual relationships

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India is home to the largest adolescent population in the world. The National Family Health Surveys indicate that a significant proportion of Indian teenagers are sexually active.

Misuse of POCSO

According to an analysis by Enfold Proactive Health Trust, 'romantic cases' (where the relationship was consensual, according to the girls, their family members, or the court) constituted 24.3% of the total cases registered and disposed under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act between 2016 and 2020 by special courts in Assam, Maharashtra and West Bengal. While POCSO's objective is to protect children below 18 years from sexual abuse, its unintended effect has been the criminal prosecution and the deprivation of liberty of young people in consensual relationships. The law is also used by parents of adolescent girls to curtail sexual expression and "safeguard family honour". The ensuing criminal investigation and trial and the simultaneous inquiry under the child protection system have an adverse impact on the adolescents' development, education, employment, self-esteem, social reputation, and family life. For the adolescent boys, the long-term consequences of a conviction for statutory rape are incarceration and inclusion in the sex offenders registry.

The law casts adolescent girls as "victims", thus rendering them voiceless. These girls are institutionalised in children's homes when they refuse to return to their parents. Adolescent boys are by default treated as children in conflict with the law and can even be tried as adults. Such blanket criminalisation of consensual sexual acts among or with adolescents is in gross oversight of their sexual development, bodily integrity and autonomy, and violates their right to life, privacy, and dignity. The penal approach also impedes adolescents' right to barrier-free access to sexual and reproductive health services and information recognised under the Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram. The mandatory reporting obligation under the POCSO Act and the fear of the partner being reported to the police deters girls from availing themselves of medical services and inadvertently pushes them towards unsafe abortions.

The inclusion of consensual and non-exploitative acts involving adolescents detracts from the purpose of the POCSO Act and diverts time and resources from the investigation and trial of actual cases of sexual violence and exploitation. The median time between the lodging of the FIR and the disposal of such romantic cases was 1.4 years in Assam and 2.3 years each in Maharashtra and West Bengal.

According to Crime in India, 2021, 92.6% of cases under the POCSO Act were pending disposal. Consensual cases among these are overburdening the criminal justice system. The futility of using the criminal law to regulate adolescent sexuality is also evinced by the abnormally high acquittal rates (93.8% in romantic cases) and the fact that the girl did not say anything incriminating against the accused in 81.5% of the cases. Further, in 46.5% of the cases, the victims were married to the accused. The acquittal rate in these cases was 98.1% as many courts did not wish to disturb the marital life of the couple.

Many High Courts have recognised that adolescent relationships are normal and criminalisation of such acts affects both parties. In Vijayalakshmi v. State Rep. (2021), the Madras High Court cited evidence that "adolescent romance is an important developmental marker for adolescents' self-identity, functioning and capacity for intimacy".

The United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in General Comment No. 20 on the implementation of the rights of the child during adolescence urged states to balance protection of children from sexual exploitation and abuse with respect for their evolving autonomy and recommended that "[s]tates should avoid criminalizing adolescents of similar ages for factually consensual and non-exploitative sexual activity." In 2019, it urged states to remove status offences, which criminalise adolescents who engage in consensual sexual acts with one another.

The way forward

Comprehensive sexuality education is needed to bridge knowledge gaps, build positive skills and attitudes so as to enable adolescents to make informed decisions and navigate through interpersonal relationships, while also realising the importance of their health and dignity. Equal efforts need to be directed towards imparting knowledge, skills and attitudes to vulnerable groups such as children with disabilities or those out of schools.

An amendment needs to be considered to the POCSO Act and the Indian Penal Code to decriminalise consensual acts involving adolescents above 16 years, while also ensuring that those above 16 years and below 18 years are protected against non-consensual acts. A provision recognising consent by those above 16 years may be considered, while criminalising acts against them if it is against their will, without their consent, or where their consent has been obtained through fear of death or hurt, intoxication, or if the accused is in a position of authority. Till such time as the law is amended, law enforcement agencies, child welfare committees and juvenile justice boards may consider exercising the discretion available to them under existing provisions in the best interest of children, so as to avoid/minimise the harm caused by arrest, apprehension, and institutionalisation of adolescents in consensual cases.

The blanket criminalisation of consensual sexual acts among or with adolescents is in gross oversight of their sexual development and bodily integrity and autonomy

Bihar's prohibition policy is not working

Despite signs of the policy's failure, Nitish Kumar is determined to enforce it

STATE OF PLAY

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The latest hooch (illicit liquor) tragedy in Bihar has put Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on the backfoot. With the death toll rising to 38 and with several people losing their vision and becoming critically ill, the Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has appealed to Mr. Kumar to reconsider the government's prohibition policy and pay compensation to the family members of those who died. However, the Janata Dal (United) leader is seen in no mood to relent. His harsh response – "*piyoge to maroge* (if you drink liquor, you will die)" – was met with anger from many political parties.

The Bihar Prohibition and Excise (Amendment) Act came into force in 2016. However, liquor is still easily available in the State and can even be delivered at home at a premium cost. It is the poor who are forced to rely on country-made liquor, which has often proved fatal for them. In August 2016, three months after the liquor law was enforced, 19 people died after consuming illicit liquor in the Khajurbanni locality of Gopalganj district. The lower court of Gopalganj convicted all the 13 people accused in the case. However, in July 2022, the Patna High Court acquitted all of them saying "they could not pass the parameters of fair trial envisaged in the laws of land". The State government has challenged the Patna High Court judgment in the Supreme Court.

Since the enforcement of the liquor law, over 200 people, mostly the poor, have died in several such incidents.

Senior BJP leader and party MP Sushil Kumar Modi claims that the toll is over 1,000. In the last six years, about 4 lakh cases in violation of the prohibition policy have been lodged by the State Police and Excise Department and 4.5 lakh people have been arrested. However, less than 1% (only 1,300 people) have been convicted. The rest were let off because of the "lack of corroborative evidence". Government records state that over 2 crore litres of liquor, including 80,000 litres of country-made liquor, have been seized in about 74,000 raids conducted by enforcement agencies since April 2016 in the State.

Seemingly alarmed by the amount of illicit liquor being seized as well as the number of arrests, Mr. Kumar amended the law thrice. He diluted some of the provisions, including those stating that a community fine would be imposed and everyone in a family would be arrested even if one of them was caught consuming or storing alcohol.

Despite this, huge amounts of illegal liquor are brought in through neighbouring States such as Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and West Bengal in innovative ways and seized by enforcement agencies. As a result, prisons are crammed with traders and consumers of alcohol. In December 2021, the then Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice N.V. Ramana, expressed concern that the law was enforced with "lack of foresight" which has led to the "clogging of courts in the State". In October this year, the Patna High Court expressed concern over how prohibition has led to a new drug culture in the State.

Earlier, all the parties in the State Assembly supported the liquor law. But now they admit in private that it has failed due to "poor implementation". A deadly nexus of the liquor mafia, the police and local couriers has made liquor easily available everywhere in the State. When Mr. Kumar asserted that he doesn't have any sympathy for those who died in the hooch tragedy and that there was no question of giving compensation to their families, Mr. Modi asked why the government was refusing to pay compensation when it had done so in the case of the Khajurbanni incident. Even the Left parties, allies of the JD (U), have demanded solatium to the family members of the hooch victims.

Mr. Kumar, on his part, seems determined to continue with the prohibition policy. Critics say this is for two reasons: one, to create a caste-neutral vote bank of women (they suffer the most due to the drinking problem of the male members in their families); and two, to hold on to an issue that could help him achieve his political ambitions at the national level. Perhaps Mr. Kumar views a rollback of the policy as a sign of weakness and personal failure. But the extent of seizure of illicit liquor, the number of people lodged in jail, the low conviction rate, the rising deaths due to consumption of hooch, and similar failed experiments in other regions all point to the fact that the policy is not working despite being diluted thrice, and to the need for yet another rethink.

This World Cup, Messi was at his best and far ahead of the rest

The only other player who came close to, and even surpassed, Messi on some key metrics was the French striker Kylian Mbappé

DATA POINT

Vignesh Radhakrishnan

On several key metrics, Argentinian star and world champion Lionel Messi performed much better than his peers in the FIFA 2022 football World Cup. A comparison of the 2018 and 2014 editions of the World Cup show that he was also the best version of himself in Qatar. More importantly, Messi exhibited his talents both as a playmaker and a striker during this World Cup. For instance, he made 21 key passes in 2022. A key pass is the final pass received by a player who then had a chance to score a goal but did not succeed. Only the French midfielder, Antoine Griezmann, made a similar number of key passes this year. Messi also made 13 shots on target (not including penalty kicks) this World Cup, which was two more than the young French star, Kylian Mbappé. This means that Messi matched the abilities of an attacking midfielder like Griezmann and was as good a striker as Mbappé.

Chart 1 shows the number of shots attempted by players in the 2022 World Cup against the percentage of shots that were on target. Only players who attempted at least 10 shots were considered. Both Mbappé and Messi dominate this metric with over 25 shots, while the third best is 16 shots. But Messi was more accurate than Mbappé as 48% of his shots were on target against Mbappé's 38%.

Chart 2 shows the number of key passes against the number of passes completed into the 18-yard box (excluding set pieces). The 18-yard box is where the keeper is allowed to touch the ball by hand. A pass into this area usually is followed by an attempt to score a goal. Messi made 18 such passes, eight more than Griezmann and Croatia's Luka Modrić, who are two key playmakers in their respective sides.

Chart 3 plots touches in the attacking third area and penalty box of the opposition against successful dribbles performed in the 2022 World Cup. One touch corresponds to a player receiving, dribbling and then passing the ball. Attacking third is the area in and around the opposition's penalty box. Dribbling is the act of advancing the ball by escaping the opponent defenders' tackle. Messi and Mbappé had far superior figures than the rest of the players on these metrics with Mbappé surpassing Messi on both metrics.

Chart 4 shows a comparison of Messi and Mbappé in the 2022 World Cup. While both are similar in attacking attributes (goals plus assists and shots on target), Messi's numbers in key passes and passes completed into the 18-yard box – which are the attributes of a midfielder – were far superior.

Chart 5 shows a comparison of Messi's performance in 2022 with his performances in the 2018 and 2014 editions of the World Cup. In 2022, Messi had 1 goal per game, which is much higher than the 0.3 in 2018 and 0.6 in 2014. He secured 0.4 assists per game in 2022, higher than the 0.1 in 2014. An assist is a key pass which gets converted into a goal. He had 3 passes per game, higher than 2.5 in 2018. More importantly, he took 2.6 shots at the goal per game in 2022, which is much higher than the 1.5 in 2018 and 1.1 in 2014.

While Messi was indeed the best version of himself in 2022, he was not particularly bad in the previous editions. The key difference is that Argentina performed better as a team in this edition. Consider this: 43% of Argentina's shots were on target compared to 31.5% in 2018. They completed 76 key passes in 2022 against just 38 in 2018. In all, the team scored 1.96 goals per 90 minutes of play in 2022, against 1.5 in 2018 and 0.87 in 2014. They also scored 1.04 assists per 90 minutes of play in 2022, against 1.5 in 2018 and 0.37 in 2014.

A cut above the rest

The data was sourced from FBref.com and WhoScored.com. All the charts refer to the absolute number except chart 5 which gives the figures as averages per game (for example, no. of goals in first four charts and goals per game in chart 5)

Chart 1 | The number of shots on goal attempted by players in the 2022 WC against the % of shots that were on target (SoT)

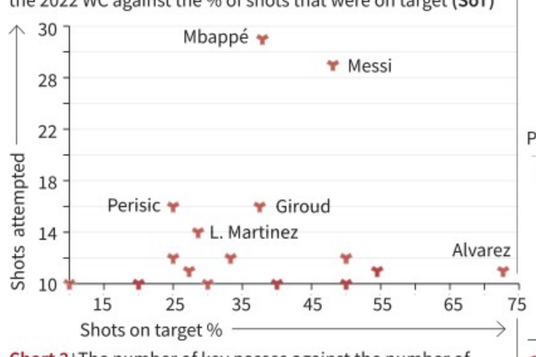
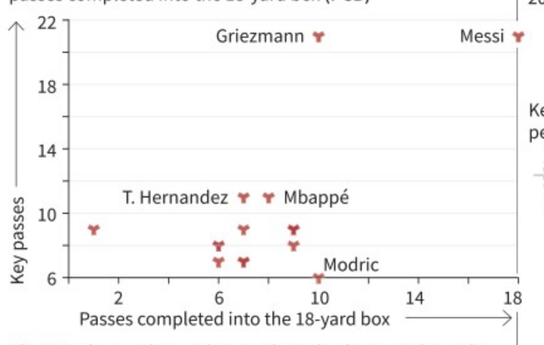


Chart 2 | The number of key passes against the number of passes completed into the 18-yard box (PCB)



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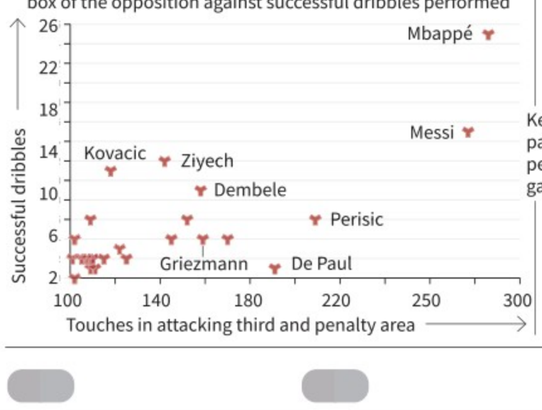


Chart 4 | A comparison between Messi and Mbappé in the 2022 WC

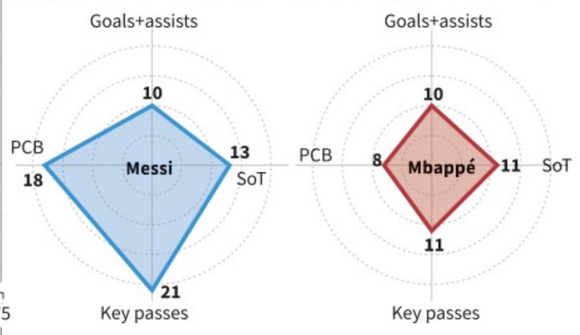
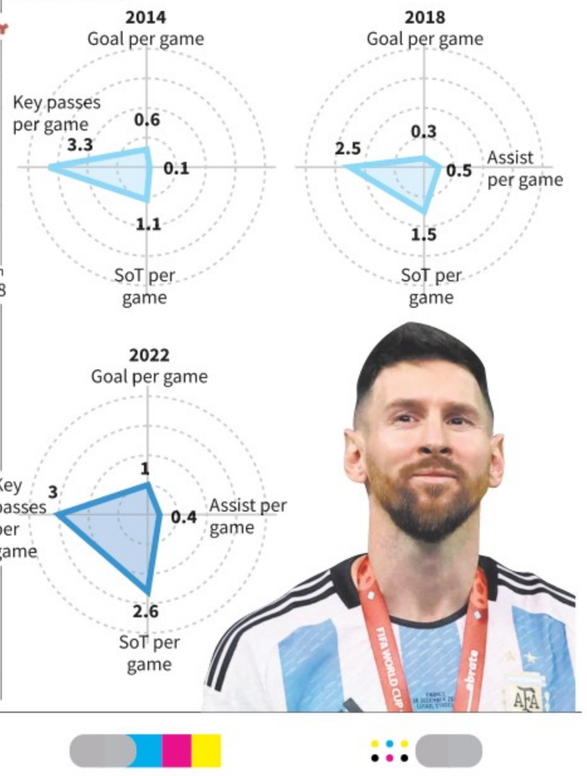


Chart 5 | The chart compares Messi's performances in 2022 against 2018 and 2014



FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 20, 1972

MP gets away with it

New Delhi, Dec. 19: A member of the Lok Sabha, Mr. Somchand Solanki to-day tried to act as his namesake, Mr. Pravinsinh Solanki, during question-time, taking advantage of the common surname, but was caught by the Speaker, Mr. G.S. Dhillon, in a few seconds. Mr. Pravinsinh Solanki was absent when the Speaker called "Mr. Solanki". As the question in the name of Mr. Pravinsinh Solanki came up for answer, there was a lull for a moment in view of his absence. Mr. Somchand Solanki quietly got up and mentioned the number of the question. The Deputy Minister of Railways, Mr. Mohd Shafi Qureshi read out the answer, innocent of the difference between the two Solankis. Pressing the advantage he had achieved of not having been recognised, Mr. Somchand Solanki rose to ask a supplementary, only to be caught by the Speaker even as some members of the Opposition were suppressing their laughter at Mr. Somchand getting away with it. The Speaker told Mr. Somchand Solanki that he had to be identified properly. "I think you are not the proper Solanki," he said and looked around for the right man. As members could not resist their enjoyment of the comedy of the situation, the Speaker remarked: "Sometimes such errors take place." He added Mr. Somchand Solanki got up with great confidence that he was taken in for some time.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO DECEMBER 20, 1922

Mr. Sastri

Poona, Dec. 10: The Right Hon'ble Srinivasa Sastri has been speaking to the students of the different colleges in Poona about his mission. On Sunday, he visited the Indian Women's University at Hingne where he explained that a wide field had to be covered by Indian women before they attained the high level of those in the West. Yesterday he spoke to the students of the Fergusson College emphasising the need of their acquainting themselves with all sides of a problem before forming their views. He also laid stress of the importance of intellectual alertness and of originative work. This afternoon he paid a visit to Deccan College and was given a hearty reception by the students. Here he mentioned some of the difficulties that confronted him in his fight for securing the Parliamentary franchise for their countrymen settled in the Dominions visited by him.

From Page One

Biodiversity deal adopted at COP-15

Highlighting a principle enshrined in climate change negotiations that countries historically responsible for global warming must pay for remedial measures more than developing countries, he said that the same ought to be applied with respect to conservation of biodiversity too as climate change also had an impact on biodiversity.

One of the proposed recommendations is reducing the overall risk from pesticides and highly hazardous chemicals by at least half by 2030.

One of the most contentious issues in the negotiations was the finance package to support conservation efforts globally.

The deal commits to progressively increase the level of financial resources from all sources by 2030, mobilising at least $200 billion a year. This represents roughly a doubling from a 2020 baseline.

A major achievement is the commitment to $20 billion in international finance flows by 2025 and $30 billion by 2030.

The accord's 23 targets include axing environmentally "destructive" farming subsidies, reducing risk from pesticides and tackling invasive species.

Last week, India said a numerical global target for pesticide reduction in agriculture sector was unnecessary and must be left for countries to decide. It said the sector in India, and other developing nations, was the source of "life, livelihoods, and culture for hundreds of millions," and support to it could not be targeted for elimination.

The deal is being compared by many to the landmark plan to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius under the Paris Agreement.

While environment groups welcomed the potentially transformative impacts the new agreement could have, many still feel that crucial details around finance and conservation are missing. "Agreeing on a shared global goal that will guide collective and immediate action to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030 is an exceptional feat for those that have been negotiating the Global Biodiversity Framework, and a win for people and planet," said Marco Lambertini, Director-General, WWF International.

"It is the equivalent to 1.5 degrees Celsius in climate and vital to catalysing action toward a nature-positive world and holding everyone accountable," he added.

The UN Development Programme (UNDP) welcomed the agreement reached at the UN Convention on Biological Diversity to agree on a new plan to preserve and protect nature with the new Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). "This agreement means people around the world can hope for real progress to halt biodiversity loss and protect and restore our lands and seas in a way that safeguards our planet and respects the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities," said UN Development Programme Administrator Achim Steiner.

Maharashtra leaders turned away at border

The police asked them to go back as the district administration had promulgated prohibitory orders. The leaders said they had the right to enter the district. Later, they relented and were taken away by the Maharashtra Police. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, "We have restrained an MP and a few more people from Maharashtra from entering Karnataka. We will not allow anyone to come to Karnataka unlawfully."

80% decline in insurgency-related violence in northeast: Minister

Consistent efforts by the government has 'weakened the ecosystem of terror' and has led to pronounced reduction of violence in Jammu and Kashmir, says Anurag Thakur; NIA has been made a truly federal structure, he adds

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur on Monday said that consistent efforts by the Union government had "weakened the ecosystem of terror" and had led to a "pronounced" reduction of violence in Jammu and Kashmir. It has also resulted in a 80% decline in insurgency-related violence in northeast India, he added.

Curbing violence: The AFSPA has been rolled back in Tripura, Meghalaya, and 60% of Assam. NISSAR AHMAD

Speaking to presspersons, Mr. Thakur said the government had worked on the legal front by strengthening the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and also taken steps at the enforcement level by giving the National Investigation Agency (NIA) a truly federal structure through amendments to the relevant law. "The collective effect of these measures has been weakening the ecosystem of terrorism," he said.

Without naming Pakistan, Mr. Thakur said a neighbouring country was seen sheltering terrorists and propounding violence. He said that an era of peace had dawned on the northeastern region since 2014 as insurgency-related violence had seen a sharp decline and civilian deaths had dropped by 89%.

He said the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) too had been rolled back from large parts of the northeast, including the whole of Tripura and Meghalaya.

China border row

Speaking at another press conference, BJP MP from Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Namgyal said that as the Line of Actual Control (LAC) is not demarcated, graziers in the border villages along China have faced problems in the past too.

Mr. Namgyal said, "Due to the border not demarcated, many such issues came up in the past and are surfacing today as well, it will continue in future also. Till the border is demarcated, such issues will remain...it is a larger issue, but Modi*ji* is taking many steps such as Vibrant Village Programme to address it."

As reported by *The Hindu* on September 20, the village head of one of the last settlements along the LAC in Chushul said that in the past one-year, at least three large grazing areas near the village have been turned into "no-man's land" or "buffer zones".

LS passes Bill to extend ST status to Betta-Kuruba

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha on Monday passed the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2022 to include Betta-Kuruba on the Scheduled Tribes list of Karnataka as a synonym for the already categorised Kadu-Kuruba tribe in the State.

The Bill was passed through voice vote after a discussion during which most members, including MPs from the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, while supporting the Amendment, insisted that the government consider bringing a comprehensive Bill to include all such communities left out of the list instead of bringing legislation one by one.

In response to the discussion, Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda said this point on bringing a comprehensive Bill had been raised time and again by members in the House but justified the move of separating them.

Mr. Munda said this process was testament to the Narendra Modi-led government's commitment to provide enough time to discuss issues of communities. "We do not want to bring legislation in a way that will drown out the voices of these communities that in some cases number less than 10,000," he said, adding that because of this, the House was now giving due time to discuss issues pertaining to the smallest and most marginalised communities in the country.

Mr. Munda also hit out at the Congress for shedding "crocodile tears" about the welfare of tribespeople, noting that if the party truly cared about the welfare of STs, it would not have opposed President Droupadi Murmu's candidacy in the presidential elections.

Congress member Kodikunnil Suresh said the Centre was bringing Bills to include communities on the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes lists. "But it was not even raising the reservation quota for these communities proportionally," he said.

Ban imposed by coastal States on purse seine fishing not justified, Centre tells SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Centre has told the Supreme Court that a ban imposed by certain coastal States on purse seine fishing, which is known to disadvantage endangered species, is not justified.

The mode of fishing which uses a wide net to draw in not only the targeted fish but also at-risk varieties, including turtles, is prohibited by several States and Union Territories, in their respective territorial waters of up to 12 nautical miles.

The Fisheries Department of the Union government has recommended the lifting of the ban on purse seine fishing on a report submitted by an expert committee on November 15.

The expert panel has said that this mode of fishing has "per se has not resulted in any serious resource depletion so far, given the available evidence". It recommended purse seiners to fish in territorial waters and the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) subject to certain conditions.

Purse seine nets are banned in many States. FILE PHOTO

The committee has also suggested the framing of a "national management plan on purse seine fisheries". "This department agrees to the recommendation of the expert committee that a ban on purse seine fishing is not justified, and that the fishing may be allowed subject to certain stipulations," the Fisheries Department informed the Supreme Court.

A Supreme Court Bench led by Justice A.S. Bopanna has asked the Centre's lawyer to "secure instructions with regard to the stipulations that are referred to in the affidavit so that the same could be finalised by them, if they have not yet been finalised, before the fishing season comes to an end". The court has listed the case for January 3.

Note of urgency

The court's note of urgency has come even as the government, in its affidavit, has said it would take six months to work out a "national management plan" on purse seine fishing.

The Centre has also said that it would similarly take six months for coastal States, as suggested by the expert panel, to devise an access plan (spatial as well as temporal) restricting purse seine fishing to a specified window every year.

The court is hearing a petition filed by Fishermen Care to stay a Tamil Nadu government order of February 17, 2020 which had banned the large nets used to catch schools of fish in the deep waters of the sea.

Nirmala Sitharaman

8% annual rise takes notes in circulation to ₹32 lakh crore

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said notes in circulation (NiC) had witnessed an annual growth of 7.98% to ₹31.92 lakh crore as of December 2, 2022.

In a reply in the Lok Sabha, Ms. Sitharaman said the demand for currency depended upon several macroeconomic factors, including economic growth and the level of interest rates.

The quantum of cash or banknotes in the economy depended on the requirement for meeting the demand for them due to the GDP growth, inflation, replacement of soiled banknotes and growth in non-cash modes of payment.

She stressed that the mission of the Union government was to move towards a less cash economy to reduce the generation and circulation of black money and promote digital economy.

Both the government and RBI had taken measures to promote a less cash economy and encourage digital payment, she said.

With regard to 'Rationalisation of Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) for Debit Card Transaction', she said the RBI had advised banks to ensure that merchants on-boarded by them did not pass on MDR charges to customers while accepting payments through debit cards.

BJP is aiming to rule J&K from Delhi, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Vikar Rasool Wani on Monday said the BJP was aiming to rule the Union Territory directly from New Delhi and was shying away from holding the Assembly election.

"The BJP has adopted a misleading and deceitful politics aiming to rule J&K directly from the Centre. It is shying away from the elections, which is bound to further expose its anti-people and wrong policies towards J&K," Mr. Wani said at a public rally in Kulgam's Damhal.

The Congress leader said the Centre was adopting dilly-dallying tactics with regard to holding Assembly election in J&K. "How long will J&K be kept at the mercy of bureaucracy? How long will people be denied their democratic rights? Such measures are fraught with serious consequences," Mr. Wani said.

The last Assembly election was held in 2014. J&K has been under Central rule since the People's Democratic Party (PDP)-BJP alliance fell apart in 2018.

Mr. Wani added, "The election should be followed by restoration of full Statehood to the Union Territory."

Court issues production warrant for Mondal

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

A court in Delhi on Monday issued a production warrant against Trinamool Congress leader Anubrata Mondal in connection with a cross-border cattle-smuggling case. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) had approached the court seeking that Mr. Mondal be summoned to Delhi for questioning.

The Birbhum district president of the Trinamool Congress was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on August 11 and has remained behind bars since. The ED is looking into the money laundering aspect of the alleged scam.

Mr. Mondal had opposed the ED's move to take him to Delhi.

Earlier, the ED had taken Saigal Hossain, the bodyguard of Mr. Mondal and another accused in the scam to Delhi.

Opposition tells Shinde govt. to take firmer stance against Karnataka in Belagavi row

The Hindu Bureau
PUNE

After protests in Belagavi by pro-Maharashtra outfit Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti (MES) led to the detention of several leaders of the State, the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) again locked horns with the Eknath Shinde-Devendra Fadnavis government on the bounday issue with Karnataka.

Leading the charge on the first day of the Winter Session of the State Assembly in Nagpur on Monday, Leader of the Opposition Ajit Pawar questioned Maharashtra Chief Minister Shinde on how Lok Sabha member Dhairyasheel Mane could be 'banned' from entering Belagavi by the district's authorities in Karnataka.

The Chief Ministers of Maharashtra and Karnataka recently met Union Home Minister Amit Shah who sought to bring a "truce" between them.

Eknath Shinde

"After the meeting with Amit Shah, how can district officers [of Belagavi] impose such a ban on elected representatives... This kind of dictatorship [on Karnataka's part] is not right and the Maharashtra CM and Deputy CM [Devendra Fadnavis] must take a firmer stance on the issue," Mr. Pawar said in the Assembly.

In response, Mr. Shinde said the issue at stake was of "Maharashtra's pride" and that his government had indeed taken a strong stance on the issue. He urged the Opposition not to play politics over this.

"The Home Minister himself has mediated in the border issue. There should not be any politics on this issue now. There are several other issues over which we can play politics. Let us instead stand behind our Marathi-speaking brothers and sisters in the border districts," said Mr. Shinde.

Hundreds of NCP, Shiv Sena (UBT) and Congress workers were detained on the border while attempting to enter Belagavi and were sent back to Maharashtra.

Maharashtra Congress chief Nana Patole accused the Centre of trying to "divide" Maharashtra by bringing the border dispute issue with Karnataka to the forefront.

HC rejects former PFI leader's house arrest plea

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Monday declined to send E. Abubacker, jailed former chairman of the outlawed Popular Front of India (PFI), to house arrest, but said he would be admitted to hospital.

A Bench of Justices Siddharth Mridul and Talwant Singh said, "When you are asking for medical bail, why should we send you to your house? We will send you to a hospital."

The Bench said there was no provision in law for a "house arrest" and directed Abubacker to be sent to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in custody for an oncological surgery review on December 22.

The court's observations came while hearing a plea of Abubacker against a trial court order refusing to release him on medical grounds.

Uttarakhand Police file chargesheet in Ankita Bhandari murder case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Uttarakhand Police filed a chargesheet in the Ankita Bhandari murder case in a court in Kotdwar on Monday.

In the 500-page chargesheet, the police have recorded the statements of 100 witnesses and presented over 30 documentary evidences.

Ankita was found dead in September after going missing for a week. She was an employee at a resort owned by Pulkit Arya, son of former State Minister Vinod Arya of the BJP. It is alleged that Mr. Pulkit and two others killed Ankita after she reportedly refused to "provide special service to VIP clients" at the resort.

The accused have been booked under Sections 354, 302, 201 and 120(B) of the Indian Penal Code and Section 3(1) of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act.

The court will hear the matter on December 22 and also consider the plea to grant permission for a narco test.

V. Murugesan, Additional Director-General of Police (Law and Order), said, "We have recorded the statements of 100 witnesses in 86 days of investigation. Apart from this forensics, electronic evidences and post-mortem report are also included in the chargesheet. After the hearing, the police are also planning to file a supplementary chargesheet."

In the chargesheet, the police claimed they found witnesses who were approached by the victim for help when she was being pressurised to "provide special service to the clients".

"We are yet to identify the 'customers' who used to come to the resort but investigations are going on to ascertain the same," a senior officer said.

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Opposition walks out of House over China issue

Did Prime Minister Narendra Modi discuss the border situation with President Xi jinping when they met in Bali during the G-20 summit, asks former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Opposition stepped up the attack on the government over incursions by China, with members staging a walkout on Monday after a debate was disallowed by the Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha. Later, while participating in a debate on Supplementary Demands for Grants, Congress leader P. Chidambaram asked if the border situation was discussed when Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Chinese President Xi Jinping during the G-20 summit in Bali, Indonesia on November 15.

"I saw a video clip of the PM meeting China President at Bali and they were shaking hands. Our PM did the talking. In that clip, I didn't see Xi say anything. I just want to know if, without getting into details, was the border situation discussed. You are asking ₹500 crore for the border and I am entitled to ask this question. Why is there a reluctance to say if the PM discussed it or not?" Mr. Chidambaram said.

Congress MP Mallikarjun Kharge speaking in the Rajya Sabha during the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament on Monday. PTI

Money granted

He said the government was asking for ₹500 crore for defence capex for strategic roads. "Without a murmur, the government will be granted that amount. But I want answers to a few questions – these are strategic border roads in the northeast. Now we know who is the threat in the northeastern border, northern and eastern border. Has China conceded anything on Hot Springs? Have the Chinese agreed to discuss the friction points in the Doklam junction and in Depsang... You are creating more buffer zones? What does a buffer zone mean? According to our information, it means that will be a no-patrol area. Does it mean that we are no longer patrolling where we were patrolling?" the former Finance Minister asked. "We know they (China) have built roads, bridges, settlements and communications. What is it that China is building?" he said.

Earlier, Rajya Sabha Chairperson Jagdeep Dhankhar rejected all nine notices under Rule 267 saying they had not been drafted in accordance with the rules. He said disruptions of House proceedings were not sending good signals and that he had asked certain members to meet him in his chamber over last week's disruptions.

Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge said the Chairperson had all powers and could allow a discussion.

He said that China had encroached on Indian land and was building bridges, and this issue was of national importance and hence should be discussed. Leader of the House and Union Minister Piyush Goyal countered Mr. Kharge, saying Deputy Chairperson Harivansh had last week mentioned past instances when sensitive issues were not discussed.

Leave it to censor board to clear films, says BSP MP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The threat of banning a Hindi film by people supporting the ruling party was part of key issues raised during Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) member Danish Ali said the job of clearing films should be left to the Central Board of Film Certification. His comments came against the backdrop of a controversy created by a song of the Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone-starrer *Pathaan*.

The Chair, however, expunged specific references to any particular film or its star cast. The BSP MP alleged that people linked to the BJP were demanding a ban on the film because it had hurt feelings of the Hindu community; similar demands were also made by an Ulema Board.

"It is a new trend, those in the government are demanding that the film be banned... Someone from the Ulema Board also said a film should be banned," Mr. Ali said. "The job of banning movies should be left to the censor board. There are many artists among our members. Sanatan Dharma is not so weak that it would be in danger due to someone wearing a colour... Nor is Islam so weak that a movie may hurt it."

Congress leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury demanded a discussion on Jammu and Kashmir as "innocent civilians are losing their lives, at times by the terrorists' bullet, and at times due to the mistakes of the forces".

"They [Union government] had said in the House that after abrogation of Article 370, we will capture PoK, and Aksai Chin. But today, Pandits are being forced out of the valley, lists are being made by terrorists to eliminate Pandits," he said.

BJP member from Jharkhand Nishikant Dubey raised the issue of the brutal murder of a tribal woman in Jharkhand and sought to link it to illegal Bangladeshi immigrants.

INBRIEF

Same sex marriage should not be legalised, says BJP MP

BJP member Sushil Kumar Modi said in the Rajya Sabha on Monday that same sex marriages should not be legalised and it cannot be decided by courts alone. "Two judges cannot take a decision on such social issues. There should rather be a debate in Parliament and society," Mr. Modi said. He added that attempts were being made by "left-liberal democratic people and activists" to legalise same sex marriages.

Supriya Sule calls for a plan to revive dairy industry

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) member Supriya Sule on Monday asked the government to come up with a centralised plan to revive the dairy economy which has been hit hard by the lumpy skin disease. The Baramati MP also sought comprehensive research to make vaccines for the disease. "Lumpy disease has been quite disastrous on our agrarian economy. A total of 1,55,724 cattle have died so far and 29,52,233 have been severely affected," Ms. Sule said .

Odisha MP seeks measures to tackle mental health issues

Noting that suicides among students have increased drastically during the pandemic, Odisha MP Sarmistha Sethi on Monday asked the State government to help create a supportive environment to tackle the issue. "The pandemic has been a source of isolation, anxiety and stress for students. They are constantly battling peer pressure, stress owing to exams, academics, parental pressure, feelings of inadequacy due to social media exposure," she said.

Workers should not resort to moonlighting, says govt.

Workers should not take any type of work against the interest of employer in addition to his or her job as per legal framework, but the government is not taking up any study on the issue, Parliament was informed on Monday. When a full-time employee of a company takes up an extra job, usually without the employer's knowledge, it is called moonlighting. PTI

Waiting for Rahul, Alwar farmers worry over poor returns from onion crop, rising debts

Sobhana K. Nair
ALWAR

Sitting in huddles, farmers wait on the periphery of a ground in Malakhera in Rajasthan waiting for Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to arrive for a public meeting. But politics is the last thing on their mind. Instead they are discussing whether it is worth the money and effort to harvest the onion crop standing on their lands.

Currently, depending on the quality, 60 kg of onion sells for ₹150-₹300 at the local agricultural market.

"We spend ₹50,000-₹60,000 per bigha [around 0.6 acre] to grow onions and in return we aren't even getting ₹10,000. It is far better for us to feed it to cattle rather than transporting it to the market," says Ram Avtaar Sain of Rajgarh in Alwar.

Given the dismal returns expected, the farm-to-market journey for these onion farmers is daunting. "The crop is sold in 60-kg gunny bags that cost us ₹45 each, the labour charge for harvesting 60 kg of onion is roughly ₹100 and add to this another ₹50 to transport it to the market. At the current rate, we will not even recover the harvesting and transportation cost," Kailash Gujjar explains.

Tough times: The farmers have blamed the restriction on export of onion for the mounting losses they are facing. FILE PHOTO

Low demand

After two consecutive seasons of depressed demand, the farmers in the region are worried about losing their lands.

"The input cost of the onion crop is high. The seed is expensive and it is labour intensive. Sowing as well as harvesting is done manually. I am not going to recover even one-tenth of what I invested. I have no option but to sell my land to settle the debt," Ram Chander Ahlawat dejectedly says.

At the political rally of Congress, the anger is first directed at the Ashok Gehlot government, but many in the crowd also hold the Narendra Modi government equally culpable. "Onion exports have been curtailed by the Union government. If they open it up, prices will automatically rise and our lives will be saved," Majlid Khan says.

While the onion prices are an immediate concern, discontent with the State government is palpable.

"In this very ground during the last Assembly election Rahul Gandhi promised loan waiver for us. He claimed that it would be implemented within 10 days, but that didn't happen. We have come here to remind him of his promise," says Om Prakash Jat.

Connect with people, Rahul tells Ministers

The Hindu Bureau
ALWAR

The Ministers in the Rajasthan Cabinet should be seen on the roads, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi said at a public meeting in Alwar on Monday.

Mr. Gandhi urged Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot to ensure that his Cabinet members walk at least 15 km once a month across the State to have a better understanding of people's problems and redress their grievances.

Opposition finds faults with Centre's fiscal management

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress MP P. Chidambaram on Monday asked the government to explain why corporate India was not making fresh investments despite being conferred a "bounty" of lower taxes. He also asked the Centre to explain its game plan to spur growth when private consumption, investments and exports were sputtering and leading economies were headed into a recession.

Initiating the debate on the two Appropriation Bills and Supplementary Demands for Grants of over 3.26 lakh crore sought for this fiscal moved by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Rajya Sabha on Monday, Mr. Chidambaram flagged the decreasing share of corporate tax in gross tax revenues.

He also asked the Centre to specify whether it already has the revenues to spend the additional ₹ 3.26 lakh crore spending sought for this financial year.

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INBRIEF

'Crests and troughs' in aviation sector, says Scindia

Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Monday told the Rajya Sabha that the industry has "crests and troughs" and air ticket pricing depends on seasons but passengers can benefit from booking in advance. The Minister said that Amritsar and Chandigarh together have 42 air traffic movements internationally – 33 in Amritsar and nine in Chandigarh – and added that whenever Indian carriers will expand, Punjab will be a key element of that. He said the civil aviation industry is a deregulated sector and the government does not have control over route expansions as it depends on airlines. PTI

Visa fraud: files of 64 people disappear from Embassy

Files related to the Schengen Visa of 64 people having high risk of migration have "disappeared" from the French Embassy here, in a massive fraud committed by its two former employees booked by the CBI recently, officials said. Former embassy officials Shubham Shokeen and Aarti Mandal made ₹32,00,000, charging ₹50,000 per visa by clearing files of questionable candidates, they said. It is alleged that Mr. Shokeen and Ms. Mandal handled 484 visa files between January 1 and May 6, of which 64 files pertained to individuals having a "high risk" of migration, like unemployed persons from Punjab who lacked the profile to hold a Schengen Visa. PTI

Hooch tragedy has nothing to do with prohibition: Bihar CM

On the last day of the five-day winter session of Bihar Legislature, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Monday said nobody could claim 100% prohibition as there were always some unscrupulous elements who resort to criminal acts and make money out of them. He asserted that hooch tragedies taking place in Bihar had nothing to do with prohibition. In the recent hooch tragedy in Saran district, 38 people died and several others lost vision and fell critically ill. He said "hooch tragedies taking place in Bihar have nothing to do with prohibition as it is a crime and will be dealt with accordingly".

Gujarat Assembly: 182 newly elected MLAs take oath

The newly elected 182 members of Gujarat's 15th Assembly were on Monday sworn in as lawmakers in the House with the predominant presence of the Treasury Bench's 156 members against 17 members of the Congress and five from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). The four other members include three Independents and one member from the Samajwadi Party (SP). The members were sworn in by the Pro tem Speaker Yogesh Patel, a BJP lawmaker and the senior most legislator in the Assembly. The oath-taking was held a day before the Assembly meets for its first session today. Included in the main agenda will be the election of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the House.

Jawans stood their ground at Yangtse, says Jaishankar

External Affairs Minister says no one should, directly or indirectly, criticise soldiers; he also provided clarifications on the amended death penalty clause in the Anti-Maritime Piracy Bill, 2019

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Winter Session of Parliament on Monday. PTI

"We should not, directly or indirectly, criticise our jawans," External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said in the Lok Sabha on Monday. They were standing their ground against the Chinsese at Yangtse and did not deserve the word *pitaai* (beaten), he added.

The Minister was reacting to comments made by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

"Our soldiers are standing in Yangtse at 13,000 feet defending our borders. They do not deserve to have the word *pitaai*. The word should not be used for our jawans. Our jawans are standing their ground. They should be respected, honoured and appreciated," Dr. Jaishankar said.

Responding to questions from the Congress on China and the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), Dr. Jaishankar asked, "If we were indifferent to China, then who sent the Indian Army to the border? If we were indifferent to China, then why are we pressuring China for de-escalation and disengagement today? Why are we saying publicly that our relations are not normal?"

While passing the Anti-Maritime Piracy Bill, 2019, the Minister clarified that the clause on the death penalty, which Opposition MPs had sought to be reconsidered, had been amended to punishment with death or with imprisonment for life.

The Anti-Maritime Piracy Bill passed by the Lok Sabha will bring the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) into domestic law and enable Indian authorities to take action against piracy on the high seas.

During the discussion on the Bill last week, Opposition MPs had asked the government to reconsider the clause for the mandatory death penalty in the Bill for any action that might cause death, and that it should be life imprisonment instead. Stating that the government should consider the implications of the death penalty properly, Congress MP Manish Tewari had said that this could hamper extradition from countries that did not have the death penalty, and where piracy may not even have caused death.

During a discussion in the House on the Bill before it was passed, Dr. Jaishankar said this had now been amended to punishment with death or with imprisonment for life, if such a person was committing the act of piracy that was causing death or in an attempt thereof, which he said was in line with the Supreme Court's pronouncement that the death penalty should be awarded in the "rarest of rare" cases, as well as in line with the extradition provisions of many countries.

Introducing the Bill for discussion, Dr. Jaishankar said that out of the 18 recommendations of the Standing Committee, 14 had been incorporated.

SC clears 6,844 cases since Chandrachud took over as the CJI

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The daily disposal of cases from Nov. 9 to Dec. 16 has been a minimum of 90 to highest at 277

The Supreme Court has disposed of 6,844 cases since Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y. Chandrachud took over as the country's top judge on November 9. The court has also received 5,898 new cases in the same period of one month and seven days. It is a rare feat on the part of the court that the rate of disposal of cases has exceeded the rate of institution of new cases.

The pace of disposal of cases under Chief Justice Chandrachud has also increased, even as the CJI has said that every little cry for justice will be heard by the Supreme Court. The court under Chief Justice Chandrachud's immediate predecessor, Justice U.U. Lalit, had disposed of over 10,000 cases during his 74-day tenure.

The number of cases disposed daily from November 9 to December 16, till the court went into winter recess, has been a minimum of 90 to the highest at 277.

The court has disposed of a total of 2,511 transfer and bail petitions from November 9 to December 16. Of this, 1,353 were bail applications and 1,163 were transfer petitions.

The court has dealt with two to 87 bail pleas per day, and six to 105 transfer requests.

Chief Justice Chandrachud, on November 18, pressed the accelerator on hearing and disposing of pending pleas for bail and transfer petitions in the Supreme Court.

Since then, all 13 Benches of the court had been hearing 10 cases each of bail and transfer petitions first thing every morning before their board of regular cases listed for the day.

The CJI said the court was trying to complete its pending list of these cases before the winter holidays.

Transfer petitions mostly relate to matrimonial and family cases. Litigants usually seek inter-State transfer of their cases.

Poor in Rajasthan to get 12 LPG cylinders a year at ₹500 each

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

Ashok Gehlot

The Congress government in Rajasthan will provide 12 LPG cylinders a year at ₹500 each to poor families enrolled under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana from April 1, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said on Monday.

Mr. Gehlot said the State government would conduct a study of families below the poverty line (BPL) which are covered under the Ujjwala Yojana, launched in 2016, as a separate category for their identification for the benefit under the new budgetary scheme. He said this would provide a major relief to poor people affected by price rise.

Mr. Gehlot made the announcement at a public meeting organised during Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra at Mala Kheda village in Alwar district. He took a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying the "drama in the name of Ujjwala Yojana" had not benefited the poor because the rates of cylinders had increased from ₹400 to ₹1,040 each.

The announcement comes as the ruling party begins its preparations for the Assembly election in 2023 amid a truce between the two rival factions, led by Mr. Gehlot and former Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot, brought about by the Bharat Jodo Yatra traversing the State.

Finland pitches for Indian nurses, tech workers amid labour crunch

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Tuula Haatainen

Facing a massive skilled labour shortage, Finland's government is planning to double the number of work immigrants entering the country and triple international student placements by 2030, said the Finnish Minister of Economic Affairs and Employment, Tuula Haatainen, during a visit to India aimed at pitching the country as a work destination for Indians.

In particular, Ms. Haatainen, who signed a "joint declaration of intent on migration and mobility" with Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan, said that Finland hopes to attract workers in the technology and information and communications technology (ICT) sectors as well as nurses from India. However, the Minister said that while the government hopes to smooth the path for work migrants, a path to citizenship may not be on offer as yet.

"We see that India has such a pool of professional talent that we need in Finland. We need more workforce, we need talent, we need professionals, skilled people. If they want to enter Finland, I see that it is valuable for both sides, that people go abroad, and also earn and learn something there," Ms. Haatainen told *The Hindu*.

The joint declaration of intent was signed last week "to facilitate mobility of students, academics, researchers, business people and professionals and to combat irregular migration," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

India signed similar agreements with Germany this year and the United Kingdom (U.K.) last year.

The interest in Indian skilled manpower comes on the back of a massive labour crunch across Europe as businesses recover from COVID-19 losses and the border lockdowns enforced in the past two years. Finland, in particular, is a country of about 5.5 million people, with only about 2.5 million in the workforce, and an increasing rate of retirement.

A survey by Finland's Employment Ministry in March, as well as industry surveys showed that more than 70% of companies in Finland are now hampered by a shortage of skilled labour.

Ms. Haateinen said that in addition, her government wants to invest about 4% of its GDP in the research and development (R&D) sector, but needs more trained employees for that. As a result, Finland is offering to facilitate work migrants along with families, offering daycare, education and healthcare as well as undertaking half the cost of teaching them the local language.

"One area where we need professionals other than technology and ICT is the healthcare sector. We understand that in India, there are highly qualified nurses who will be willing to come to Finland," the Minister said, adding that Finland has broadened its search in the region.

According to a Ministry report that published an "occupation barometer" earlier this year, the top five occupations seeing shortages are all in the healthcare sector, including nurses, social work and counselling staff, general practitioners, and senior physicians.

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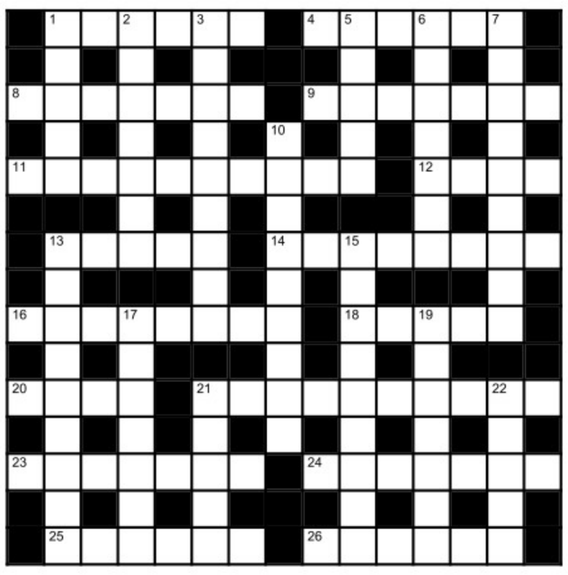

Across

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8 The French standby in advance at places of worship (7)
9 Destroyed old wall? No, it's on the contrary (7)
11 Concepts in release of charged particles (10)
12 Provincial workers leave plants... (4)
13 ... to take tea reportedly involving 12 to get something to brush with (5)
14 Bolted quick, objective is to steal ecstasy (8)
16 Are daughters taking a break or engaged? (8)
18 In Qatar, absolutely you can see them (5)
20 Swift resolution dismissing woman, it conforms (4)
21 Once, fencer fought in Congress (10)
23 Changed a key, made a mistake losing rupees (7)
24 Directed leader to step down, rejigged and improvised (7)
25 Governing body had perhaps a Bengali leading (6)
26 Makes a mess on road, naive and stupid primarily (6)

Down

1 We are expelled from a cowboy film. That's tyrannical (5)
2 Quash media work and turn it around (7)
3 Right, have people in dry environs for therapy (9)
5 Support guards have audacity (5)
6 Model is an old flame; rich (7)
7 Generates another way for youngsters (9)
10 Sure that friend will quit drugs for one (9)
13 Dad's right about buying Independent. Yes, and Times for a year for pieces (9)
15 Say, UP people take time to report (9)
17 Oriental uncle finally boating (7)
19 Crime organisation infiltrates help group in a country (7)
21 Crown for Charles first? Take a break (5)
22 Sides about to get raided in the front from three directions (5)

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FAITH

Mahaperiyava's guidance

Saints and preceptors are born to lead humans through life's travails, temptations, struggles and strife. Such luminaries live on earth eternally through their teachings, discourses, interpretation of scriptures and resolving the apparent contradictions in many. They also remain relevant for successive generations simply by the way they lead their own lives as saints and savants. After they shed their mortal coil, they are rested in a brindavan, symbolically alive through their teachings.

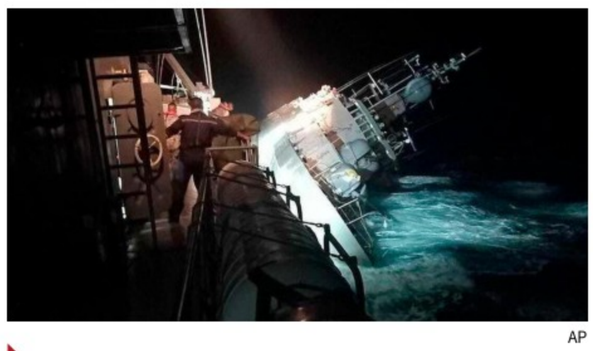
One such saint is Kanchi Mahaperiyava, who continues to guide devotees, said P. Swaminathan, in a discourse.

Hailed as the greatest among the greats, the renowned Sankaracharya of Kancheepuram (Kanchi) Math became a sanyasi when he was 13 years old and for the next 87 years, dedicated his life to uplifting the drudgery of the poor and championed their cause for a better life at every stage. Very well versed in the sastras, Mahaperiyava held that the greatest dharma is living a simple life as set forth in our scriptures. Helping the poor, feeding others and empowering women were some of the causes he spearheaded as dharmic principles to be followed in daily life. He tirelessly travelled across the length and breadth of the country, explaining the nuances of sanatana dharma.

In the mid decades of the last century, when commodities were scarce, Mahaperiyava came up with the 'pidi arisi' scheme. He asked all housewives to set aside a 'pidi' (fistful) of rice aside and to donate the same at the end of the month to orphanages and ashrams. He continues to remain in our midst, his life and his teachings guiding us in many ways.

BANGKOK

Thailand Navy searches for 31 missing sailors after vessel sinks



AP

Thai military frigates and helicopters were on Monday searching for 31 sailors after a naval vessel sank, with close to 75 people having been hauled from choppy waters. The *HTMS Sukhothai* capsized late on Sunday night as it was patrolling the Gulf of Thailand, about 37 kilometres off the nation's southeastern coast. AFP

GENEVA

UN terms Israel's expulsion of human rights lawyer a 'war crime'

AFP

Israel's expulsion of French-Palestinian human rights lawyer Salah Hamouri amounts to a "war crime", the UN human rights office said. Mr. Hamouri, 37, arrived in France on Sunday after having been held without charge in Israel under a controversial practice that allows suspects to be held for renewable periods of up to six months. AFP

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa's ruling ANC re-elects Cyril Ramaphosa as party chief

AFP

South Africa's ruling ANC party on Monday re-elected President Cyril Ramaphosa as its leader for a second five-year term, despite a brewing scandal over a huge cash theft at his farm. Mr. Ramaphosa garnered 2,476 votes for the post of party president against the 1,897 votes for his rival former Health Minister Zweli Mkhize. AFP

SAO PAULO

Brazil court lets Lula increase spending, outlaws 'secret budget'

REUTERS

The Supreme Court granted Brazilian President-elect Lula da Silva an injunction allowing him to increase social spending, while also outlawing an opaque congressional spending programme. These will allow him to fulfill a pledge to increase spending while also giving him negotiating power over congressional leaders. REUTERS

Russian 'kamikaze' drones hit Kyiv as President Putin arrives in Belarus

The Ukrainian Air Force said its defences shot down 30 drones, the third Russian air attack on the capital in six days; President Zelensky again called for Western nations to beef up his country's air defences

Reuters
KYIV

Moscow launched a "kamikaze" drone attack on Monday, hitting key infrastructure in and around Kyiv, as Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in Belarus, fuelling fears he will pressure his ex-Soviet ally to join a new offensive on Ukraine.

Vladimir Putin, speaking at a joint press conference in Minsk with Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko on Monday, said that Russia does not want to "absorb" anyone, and that unspecified "enemies" wanted to stop Russia's integration with Belarus.

The Ukrainian Air Force said its air defences shot down 30 drones, the third Russian air attack on the Ukrainian capital in six days and the latest in a series of assaults since October that have targeted the Ukrainian power grid, causing sweeping blackouts amid sub-freezing temperatures.

Same feather: Vladimir Putin and Alexander Lukashenko at the Palace of Independence in Minsk in Belarus on Monday. REUTERS

Kyiv's Mayor said no one had died or been wounded in the attacks on Kyiv that rocked the capital's Solomianskyi and Shevchenkivskyi districts, according to preliminary information.

"Kamikaze" drones are cheaply produced, disposable unmanned aircraft that fly towards their target before plummeting at velocity and detonating on impact.

The Solomianskyi district in the western part of Kyiv is a busy transport hub, home to a train station and one of the city's two passenger airports.

Kyiv officials said 18 out of 23 drones were shot down over the city of 3.6 million. "As a result of the attack on the capital, critical infrastructure facilities were damaged," Vitali Klitschko said on the Telegram messaging app. "Energy and heating engineers are working to quickly stabilise the situation with energy and heat supply."

Serious damage

Oleskiy Kuleba, Governor of the region surrounding Kyiv, said infrastructure and private houses were damaged and that two persons were wounded. He said the attack caused "fairly serious" damage and three areas in the region had been left without power. Mr. Zelensky on Sunday again called for Western nations to beef up Ukraine's air defences after weeks of Russian air strikes targeting the energy network.

Power plants targeted

Ukraine's national power grid operator, Ukrenergo, said on Telegram drones targeted power plants across the country.

"Currently, the most difficult situation is in the central, eastern and Dnipro regions," it said.

There has been constant Russian and Belarusian military activity for months in Belarus, a close Kremlin ally that Moscow's troops used as a launch pad for their abortive attack on Kyiv in February.

U.K. judges rule Rwanda deportation plan lawful, say it is consistent with UN rules

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

But they said Interior Minister Suella Braverman had not properly considered the circumstances of the eight claimants in the case

Judges in London on Monday ruled that the U.K. government's controversial plan to deport migrants to Rwanda was lawful, after a legal challenge by migrants and campaigners.

Former Prime Minister Boris Johnson brought in the proposal to try to tackle record numbers of migrants crossing the Channel from northern France by small boats.

But it triggered a wave of protests from rights groups and charities, and last-gasp legal challenges successfully blocked the first deportation flights in June.

Several individuals who arrived in small boats and organisations supporting migrants brought a case at the High Court in London for a review of the policy, claiming it is unlawful.

Lawyers for the parties argued that the policy was unlawful on multiple grounds, including the assessment of Rwanda as a safe third country.

The judges acknowledged that the issue had stirred public debate but said its only remit was "to ensure that the law is properly understood and observed, and that the rights guaranteed by parliament are respected".

"The court has concluded that it is lawful for the government to make arrangements for relocating asylum-seekers to Rwanda and for their asylum claims to be determined in Rwanda rather than in the U.K," they said.

"The relocation of asylum-seekers to Rwanda is consistent with the (UN) Refugee Convention and with the statutory and other legal obligations on the government including the obligations imposed by the Human Rights Act 1998."

Referral of cases

The judges however said Interior Minister Suella Braverman had not properly considered the circumstances of the eight claimants in the case and referred their cases back to her.

Mr. Johnson's successor Liz Truss and the incumbent Rishi Sunak have backed the Rwanda deal, which aims to send anyone deemed to have entered the U.K. illegally since January 1 to the African nation.

Dutch PM apologises for 250 years of slavery, calls it a crime against humanity

Agence France-Presse
THE HAGUE

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte on Monday officially apologised for 250 years of the Netherlands' involvement in slavery, calling it a "crime against humanity".

The apology comes almost 150 years after the end of slavery in the European country's overseas colonies, which included Suriname and islands such as Curacao and Aruba in the Caribbean and Indonesia in the East.

"Today, on behalf of the Dutch government, I apologise for the past actions of the Dutch state," Mr. Rutte said in a speech in The Hague.

"We, living in the here and now, can only recognise and condemn slavery in the clearest terms as a crime against humanity," he said.

Mark Rutte

Dutch ministers have travelled to seven former colonies in South America and the Caribbean for the event.

Sigrid Kaag, the Dutch Finance Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, said during an official visit to Suriname last week that a "process" would begin leading up to "another incredibly important moment on July 1 next year".

150 years

Descendants of Dutch slavery will then celebrate 150 years of liberation from slavery in an annual celebration called "Keti Koti" (Breaking the Chains) in Surinamese.

But the plan has caused controversy. Some of the groups and the affected countries criticised the move as rushed, and said the whole process lacked of consultation by the Netherlands.

They also said the actions smacked of a colonial attitude.

But Mr. Rutte in his speech on Monday said that choosing the right moment was a "complicated matter".

Penny Wong to meet Wang Yi in Beijing

Associated Press
CANBERRA

Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong said on Monday she will meet with her counterpart, Wang Yi, in Beijing this week as Australia and China mark 50 years of diplomatic relations.

China's Foreign Ministry said the visit will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday.

First COVID deaths in China after new norms

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

China on Monday reported its first deaths from COVID-19 since loosening its hardline containment policy, as hospitals and crematoriums struggle with an outbreak authorities say is impossible to track.

The country is pressing ahead with unwinding its zero-COVID policy, with people in one city now even told they can go to work if they are visibly ill.

Authorities on Monday reported two deaths from the virus in the capital Beijing, where fear of COVID has emptied streets and stripped pharmacies of medications.

Authorities are set to press ahead, with the city of Chongqing – home to around 32 million – becoming one of the first parts of China to let people attend work even with visible symptoms.

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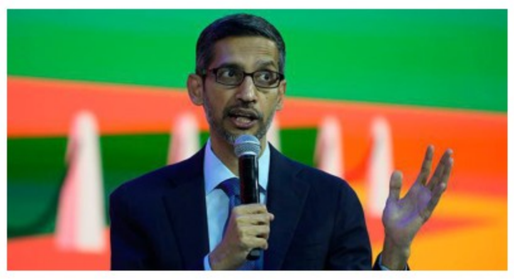
Bengaluru – 560 001. website : www.kiadb.in
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK e – Procurement Portal Only)
Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the works mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors holding valid Class-I (Civil) issued from KPWD, Government of Karnataka who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work as per the schedule given below:
No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-31/ 16046/2022-23 **Date: 19.12.2022**
Name of the work: (1) Establishment of Plug & Play Infrastructure in Plot No.41, AM-1, Kanagala Industrial Area, Hukkeri Taluk, Belagavi District. **(2)** Establishment of Plug & Play Infrastructure in Plot No.AM-02, Apparel Park Industrial Area, Phase-1, Mini Textile Park, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-33/16047/2022-23 **Date: 19.12.2022**
Name of the work: Formation of Industrial Layout including formation of 24m Wide Roads, 18m Wide Roads & 15m Wide Roads including Asphalting, Construction of RCC Side Drains, RCC Cross Drainage Works, Utility Ducts & Duct Chambers, GLSR, OHT & HDPE Dual Water Supply Line at Proposed Sarathi Kurubarahalli Industrial Area, 2nd Phase, Harihara Taluk, Davanagere District.
The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **09.01.2023 upto 04:00 pm.**
Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**
Sd/-
DIPR/CP/3610/Zen/2022-23 **Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru**

INBRIEF



'Google building AI model to support 100 Indian languages'

Google is working on making text and voice Internet search available in more than 100 Indian languages, CEO Sundar Pichai said on Monday. Mr. Pichai, who is visiting India, said the pace of technological change in the country had been extraordinary and Google was supporting small businesses and start-ups. PTI

HDFC raises home loan interest rates by 35 bps

Mortgage lender HDFC Ltd. has increased retail prime lending rate (RPLR) on housing loans, to which its Adjustable Rate Home Loans (ARHL) are benchmarked, by 35 basis points (bps) with effect from December 20. This is in line with the increase in the repo rate announced by the Reserve Bank. Earlier this month, RBI had raised the repo rate by 35 basis points (bps). Now, HDFC's home loan interest rates will start from 8.65 % for those with a credit score of 800 and above, the mortgage lender said in a statement.

Dr. Agarwal's to invest ₹100 cr. in 10 eye care units in Kerala

Chennai-based Dr. Agarwal's Group of Eye Hospitals said it would be investing ₹100 crore over the next 2-3 years to open 10 more eye care centres in Kerala. "Soon major cities such as Kozhikode, Thrissur, Malappuram, Palakkad, Pathanamthitta, and Thiruvalla will have our presence," CEO Adil Agarwal said. In addition to hospitals, Dr. Agarwal's also plans to set up vision centres under the brand '20|20 Eye Care by Dr Agarwal's', especially in non-metro and rural areas. On Monday, the eye care chain opened its new tertiary care eye hospital in Kochi.

Monetary policy is hostage to veg prices: PMEAC member

Poonam Gupta urges price stabilisation efforts to balance demand and supply of vegetables, moots steps to buffer economy from shocks such as high inflation, oil prices, capital outflows

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's economic growth is likely to be subdued in the coming year, but inflation will also subside partly due to monetary policy effects and partly due to base effects, Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council member Poonam Gupta said on Monday, mooting steps to buffer the economy from recurrent shocks like high inflation, oil prices or capital outflows.

Ms. Gupta, also director general of the National Council for Applied Economic Research, said global growth would slow down as predicted by most agencies. India's inflation acceleration to close to 7% this year has been mainly driven by high vegetable prices, which is a domestic issue and not an 'external' one, she said.

"It is really sad in a way that our monetary policy is held hostage by vegetable prices. And monetary policy is a blunt instrument to address that kind of inflation," she underlined, suggesting price 'stabilisation' efforts to balance domestic demand and supply issues for vegetables.

"Surely, our economy, which is more than $3 trillion, can manage its vegetable prices better than it has," she concluded at a discussion on the upcoming Budget hosted by the Ananta Centre.

Need for targeted action
India should manage its vegetable prices better than it has, says PMEAC's Gupta

- Inflation will subside due to monetary policy as well as base effects
- Accelerating inflation driven by high vegetable prices, a domestic issue
- Growth will be subdued in coming year and exports will be hit by lower global demand

India said to offer wheat to flour millers to tame prices

Reuters
NEW DELHI/MUMBAI

India is set to offer 2-3 million tonnes of wheat to bulk consumers such as flour millers and biscuit makers as part of efforts to cool record high prices, government sources said, even as State reserves dropped to the lowest in six years.

Wheat prices have surged in India this year after a sudden rise in temperatures hit crop yields and output. A jump in exports following Russia's invasion of Ukraine also pushed up local wheat prices, prompting India to order a ban on exports.

HZL eyes $1-bn shift to 'green' power, mining vehicles

Press Trust of India
UDAIPUR

Vedanta group firm Hindustan Zinc (HZL), which is the world's second-largest manufacturer of the metal, is planning to invest more than $1 billion (about ₹8,270 crore) to convert its diesel-fired mining vehicles into battery-operated ones and to fully turn a green-energy user, over the next five years.

The company is already running four of its 900 mining vehicles on battery on a pilot basis.

Do not rest on subsidies, import tariffs to stay competitive, CII DG tells firms

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Indian industry must wean away from relying on subsidies and high import tariffs to stay competitive, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) director general Chandrajit Banerjee said.

He also said the government must further rationalise compliances and reduce the cost of doing business. Mr. Banerjee also made a strong pitch for slashing income tax rates for lower income earners.

Speaking at a discussion on the upcoming Budget hosted by the Ananta Centre, he also called employment 'the elephant in the room,' stressing on the need to focus on job creation along with growth and suggested including employment as an additional factor in official manufacturing-incentive schemes.

"I would like to really see in the Budget, a very strong call on the lower brackets of the income, absolutely on the lower slabs that could be changed... that would boost consumption demand as well as help fight the inflation piece and that that's an important signal," he said.

While such tax cuts could be construed as a political message in what could be the last full Budget before the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, he emphasised there was no 'wrong economics' in the idea, 'so it need not be seen as a political overdo.'

Citing the emerging geopolitical and economic conditions, Mr. Banerjee said India has an opportunity in the manufacturing sector to create good quality jobs with policy steps to ease compliance, reduce the cost of doing business and engender trust between government and industry.

Indian industry, he said, must work out how to 'have a mindset and move away from the subsidies-driven sort of approach and move towards a more competitiveness-based ecosystem to grow', noting ideas like the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme to push investments are good at this point in time but can only work for a finite period.

"Over certain budgets, we have seen products where tariff has been raised, but I think increasing tariffs can't be the solution for us to become competitive," he added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	61,806	0.76
US Dollar	82.62	0.15
Gold	54,652	0.79
Brent oil	79.4	—

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	4075.30	94.50
Adani Ports	892.85	32.40
Apollo Hosp	4610.45	45.30
Asian Paints	3080.95	25.05
Axis Bank	946.20	11.10
Bajaj Auto	3629.75	80.15
Bajaj Finserv	1619.05	31.95
Bajaj Finance	6687.00	90.10
Bharti Airtel	840.40	17.65
BPCL	341.30	-0.45
Britannia Ind	4526.50	81.80
Cipla	1096.65	7.25
Coal India	227.30	2.65
Divis Lab	3345.85	18.95
Dr Reddys Lab	4396.05	86.95
Eicher Motors	3388.90	97.45
Grasim Ind	1765.80	9.45
HCL Tech	1033.25	3.60
HDFC	2710.55	43.10
HDFC Bank	1644.75	5.10
HDFC Life	584.45	9.25
Hero MotoCorp	2780.60	55.75
Hindalco	460.15	3.40
Hind Unilever	2718.10	46.80
ICICI Bank	906.45	4.45
IndusInd Bank	1223.55	-6.00
Infosys	1507.35	-14.85
ITC	340.50	5.40
JSW Steel	749.45	6.00
Kotak Bank	1858.15	17.60
L&T	2184.00	9.00
M&M	1290.65	39.05
Maruti Suzuki	8603.85	118.05
NestleIndia	20081.65	342.95
NTPC	171.80	2.00
ONGC	145.80	-1.40
PowerGrid Corp	218.90	5.70
Reliance Ind	2599.30	33.70
SBI Life	1267.50	13.35
State Bank	604.45	1.10
Sun Pharma	987.95	-5.70
TataConsumerProduct	808.85	7.30
Tata Motors	418.00	-3.60
Tata Steel	111.80	0.75
TCS	3202.05	-38.20
Tech Mahindra	1026.70	5.90
Titan	2521.80	38.95
UltraTech Cement	7076.00	61.90
UPL	770.15	-0.30
Wipro	389.05	-0.70

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on December 19

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.51	82.83
Euro	87.52	87.89
British Pound	100.57	100.98
Japanese Yen (100)	60.58	60.81
Chinese Yuan	11.83	11.88
Swiss Franc	88.55	88.90
Singapore Dollar	60.82	61.07
Canadian Dollar	60.41	60.65
Malaysian Ringitt	18.63	18.72
Australian Dollar	55.39	55.65

Source:Indian Bank

Sugar exports may touch 15 lakh tonnes by end of Dec.: ISMA

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

Total sugar shipped for exports this season, which commenced in October, is expected to be 15 lakh tonnes by the end of December.

According to the Indian Sugar Mills' Association (ISMA), market reports indicate that contracts have been entered into for export of 45 lakh to 50 lakh tonnes of sugar.

Of this, six lakh tonnes have been shipped and another nine lakh tonnes are expected to be shipped by the end of December.

Total sugar exports for the last season (October 2021 to September 2022) were 111 lakh tonnes.

The association said sugar production till December 15 this year had been 82 lakh tonnes, which is almost four lakh tonnes more than last year for the same period.

All major sugar-producing States have been seeing higher production so far this season. The number of sugar mills in operation are 497 compared to 479 in the last sugar season.

DRL shares rise 2% on tocilizumab study for rheumatoid arthritis

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories' shares gained on Monday post the drugmaker's announcement of successful completion of a phase-1 study of its proposed biosimilar of tocilizumab for use in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis.

DRL_TC, the biosimilar candidate, successfully met its primary and secondary endpoints in a Phase 1 study that used a subcutaneous formulation to evaluate its pharmacokinetic equivalence, safety and immunogenicity in comparison to reference products.

Following this, the company said it was initiating a global phase-3 study with the aim of comparing the efficacy, safety, tolerability and immunogenicity of DRL_TC with the reference product in patients with moderate to severe active rheumatoid arthritis. The company's shares closed 2.06% higher at ₹4,398 apiece on the BSE.

The proposed tocilizumab biosimilar is being developed as both subcutaneous and intravenous formulations, DRL said.

Global Head of Biologics Jayanth Sridhar said, "Tocilizumab is an important anti-rheumatic agent that has a unique place in treating patients with rheumatoid arthritis and other diseases. We look forward to following this up with other agents that solve for critical patient needs in the auto-immune disease area".

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, (Project Central – 7)
Annex-3 Building, 3nd Floor, NR Sqaure, Bengaluru-02
No:EE/P.C-7/TEND/01/2022-23/Call-4 Date: 19.12.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) Call-4
(Through **GOK e-Procurement Portal** only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Project Central - 7, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the Construction of works detailed in the table below.

Name of the Work	Apprx. Amount put to Tender (₹ in Lakhs)	EMD
Construction of New Urban Public Health Centers (New Hospital) Buildings at West Zone in BBMP Limits.	514.92	7.73 Lakhs (Rs.1.00 Lakh through e-procurement & remaining as specified in bid document)

Calendar of Events : (1) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **02.01.2023** upto **5:30** pm. (2) Last date for receipt of queries is **26.12.2022** upto **5:30** pm. (3) Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **27.12.2022** at **4:00** pm in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Project-Central, Annex-3 Building, BBMP Head Office, Bengaluru - 560 002. (4) Technical Bids will be opened on **04.01.2023** at **4:30** pm in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Central-7, BBMP. (5) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: www.bbmp.gov.in (6) Corrigendum / Modification / Corrections, if any will be published in the e-procrement portal only. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, Project Central - 7

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Shanthinagara Division,
PUB 9th Floor, M.G. Road, Bengaluru- 560 001.
No.: EE/SN/Tender-15/Corri-1/2022-23 Date : 17.12.2022

CORRIGENDUM-1

The tender notification called for total no. of 37 works through e-procurement vide **Ref. No (1): EE/SN/TEND/15/2022-23 Dated: 24.11.2022,** the works in Sl. No. 36 & Sl. No. 37 of Shanthinagar Division are cancelled due to technical reasons. further details can be obtained from office of the undersigned and e-procurement website : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Shanthinagar Division.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-3/F-76(9)/22-23/9296 Date: 17.12.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through E-Procurement Mode)

KPTCL invites bid against enquiry no: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-3/22-23/EPR-36 Dt: 16.12.2022 for **"Repairs to faulty 150MVA 220/66kV CGL make power transformer failed at 220/66kV SRS Peenya R/s sub-station in TL&SS Division SRS Peenya", pertaining to BMAZ North Circle, Bengaluru.**

The Bids will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "e-Procurement-KPTCL" or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **21.12.2022.**

Sd/-, Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,
Transmission (Maintenance), BMAZ North Circle, Ground Floor, KPTCL Office Complex, KPTCL, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560 009.

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti-586201. Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur.
Phone:08426-281027 E-mail:dam_division@rediffmail.com
NO:KBJNL/DDA/DB/TND/2022-23/3229 Dated:17.12.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore the undersigned invites tender on percentage basis from the eligible contractors for the work of **"Consultancy Services for Survey, Investigation, excavation of trial pit, drilling of trial core bores including Detailed Engineering, Preparation of Designs, C-Plans, Drawings, Estimates, Draft Tender Documents including preparation of necessary land acquisition proposals for Piped Distribution Network for 16,000 Ha for Kerur LIS in Badami Taluka, Bagalkot District under Upper Krishna Project"- Indent No. 23460 of Rs. 203.26 Lakhs. The contractor can have access and submit e-tender from 21-12-2022 to 29-12-2022 up to 5-00 PM. Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on 26-12-2022 at 11-00Am at the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. Cover-I (Technical Bid) will be opened on 31-12-2022 at 11-00AM and Cover-II (Financial Bid) will be opened on 03-01-2023 at 11-00AM** at the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. For any clarifications office of the undersigned may be contacted during office hours (Phone No. 08426-281027). Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti
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Government of Karnataka
Office of the The Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department,
Mandya Division, Mandya, Phone: 08232-222363,
email:eerwsmdy@gmail.com
No:EE/RDW&SD/MDY/OUTSOURCETEND21/2022-23/2209
Dated:17.12.2022

Short Term Tender Notification NO-15/2022-23
(Two Cover System)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The E.E, R.D.W & S Division, Mandya invited tender for providing manpower on outsource basis for 1 Year in Mandya Division and Sub-division offices from eligible Registered Outsource Manpower agency. Pre-Bid Meeting **Dt:27.12.2022 Time:11:00 AM** (Place:O/O EE, RDWSD, Mandya), Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: **30.12.2022 Time :05:30 PM,** Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening:-**31.12.2022 Time :05:35 PM,** Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening:-**05.01.2023 Time:11:00 AM.** More details can be obtained through e-procurement portal of Govt of karnataka **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or from this office during working hours.Phone No: 08232-222363.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division,
Mandya
DIPR/AD-MDY/MC&A/538/2022-23

Wipro unit forays into food sector, to buy Nirapara

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Wipro Consumer Care and Lighting said it had forayed into the food and spices segment by signing a pact to buy Nirapara, a Kerala-based packaged food and spices brand.

The 46-year-old brand had an annualised revenue of ₹100 crore and a final valuation of the buyout would be fixed after 12 months, said Vineet Agrawal, CEO, Wipro Consumer Care and Lighting.

He said India's spices market was pegged at ₹70,000 crore.

'Chinese business confidence is lowest in almost a decade'

Reuters
BEIJING

China's business confidence hit its lowest level since at least January 2013, a survey by World Economics showed, reflecting the impact of surging COVID-19 cases on economic activity and hinting at possible recession next year.

The index fell to 48.1 in December from 51.8 in November, showed the World Economics' survey of sales managers at more than 2,300 companies conducted December 1-16.

The index was the lowest since the survey began.

"The survey suggests strongly that growth rate of the Chinese economy has slowed quite dramatically, and may be heading for a recession in 2023," World Economics said.

The world's second-biggest economy after the United States is facing a surge in COVID-19 infections following the abrupt relaxation of strict containment measures, hitting businesses and consumers alike, while a weakening global economy is hurting Chinese exports.

China's GDP is expected to grow just 3% this year, its worst performance in nearly half a century.

The sales managers indices in Manufacturing and Service Sectors were both below the 50 level.

"The percentage of companies that claim to be negatively impacted by COVID has risen to a survey high, with more than half of all respondents suggesting their operations are being harmed in one way or another," it said.

Messi sets his shrine to immortality in the sands of the Arabian Desert

The tournament's superstar dragged and dared his team into being better than the sum of its parts in the face of Mbappe & Co.'s determined bid

FIFA WORLD CUP

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

Gods of *Jogo Bonito*: Messi finally got to emulate his idol and Argentine legend Maradona in holding aloft the World Cup. AFP & FILE PHOTO

There had been a feeling of anticipation in every corner of this city since we touched down 29 days ago. Every streetside conversation over *kadak* (chai), pleasantries swapped with stadium security officers, or banal exchanges with shopkeepers from the coconut tree, toddy shop-dotted India's western coastal state had been about Messi and Qatar.

The feeling that Lionel Messi would fulfil his destiny, rising from the Arabian desert to finally attain absolution, was always (in their mind) the end result of this expensively assembled World Cup, alongside a belief that their land – adopted or own – would become the permanent shrine for (one of) football's greatest of all time.

An opening game loss to Saudi Arabia did not shake that belief, and their support and conviction remained steadfast. And when the moment arrived, the locals – an eclectic mix of thobe-clad Arabs and South Asians and Africans in their designer knockoffs – were all proud.

King gets the crown

Each etching in their memory the moment when the king so long without a kingdom was finally crowned. He has been the superstar of this tournament, dragging and daring a team of good, but not exceptional, individuals to be better than the sum of its parts.

"We are fighters, and we were very strong despite the goals France scored. It was similar to the match against the Netherlands as we wanted to win and kept fighting," coach Lionel Scaloni said after winning the biggest game of his life.

This win is also for the Argentine people who are facing one of the longest extended economic turmoils in their nation's history. "These players play for the Argentine people; this is the greatest pride to play for Argentina and they broke their backs as they understood what they had to do on the pitch. Today we are World Cup champions," said the other Lionel.

In the final, Messi and his Argentina refused to submit even as a young Kylian Mbappe threatened to rewrite the preordained script by scoring a hat-trick and leaving his mark as the World Cup's top scorer.

Messi had already indicated the World Cup final would be his last game in the global event, but he promises to entertain his fans for at least a few more games (in national colours).

"Obviously, I wanted to complete my career with this – I can't ask for more," he said. "Finishing my career this way is impressive.

> We are fighters, and we were very strong despite the goals France scored
> **LIONEL SCALONI**

After this, what else? I have a Copa America, a World Cup. I love football, what I do. I enjoy being part of the national team, the group. I want to enjoy a couple more matches as a world champion."

Saving him a spot

Scaloni, who had convinced a disillusioned Messi to commit again to the national cause after the 2018 World Cup disappointment, hopes his persuasion skills will prolong the stay of the legend.

"We need to save him a spot for the [next] World Cup. If he wants to keep playing, he will be with us. He is entitled to decide what he wants to do with his career," he said.

"But, for now, with the World Cup trophy tightly clasped to his chest, Messi, at last, had no more shadows to chase.

Viva La Albiceleste!

> Always together, always united. We are world champions. There are no more words
> **ALBERTO FERNANDEZ,** Argentine President

> Congratulations to the French team for its journey and its fighting spirit in this World Cup. You have thrilled the nation and the fans all over the world
> **EMMANUEL MACRON,** French President

> Many congratulations to Argentina on doing this for Messi! Wonderful comeback from the way they started the campaign
> **SACHIN TENDULKAR**

> Fairytale stuff, Argentina! Time and time again you (Messi) have redefined greatness. It's a privilege to watch you
> **ROGER FEDERER**

> He's (Messi) the greatest soccer player I've ever seen, I mean, you say Pele and Maradona but I just still think that what Messi does with the ball is stupid. It's stuck to his foot
> **TIGER WOODS**

> This is the best game of football I've ever watched. Every emotion displayed and felt for 120 minutes and then through every take from the spot. What a show! What a sport!
> **SUNIL CHHETRI**

> Is Messi the best athlete of all time? Forget just football. What a man!
> **ANDY MURRAY**

Magician Messi's World Cup rumble

Sports Bureau

A look at the World Cup records that belong to Lionel Messi as chronicled on FIFA's website:

Messi is one of the six players to have featured in five World Cups, the others being Antonio Carbajal, Lothar Matthaus, Rafa Marquez, Andres Guardado and Cristiano Ronaldo.

By playing the final on Sunday, Messi made his 26th World Cup appearance to break Lothar Matthaus' record and also improved his World Cup captaincy record to 19 matches.

Playing on and on

With his full presence in the final, Messi clocked 2,314 minutes, the most by a player in World Cup history. Italy's Paolo Maldini held the previous record at 2,217 minutes.

Messi is the only player to register an assist in five World Cups.

Pele, Grzegorz Lato, Diego Maradona and David Beckham set up goals in three editions apiece.

Pele and Messi have the most assists in the knockout phase (6).

The Argentine is the only player to score in the World Cup in his teens, 20s and 30s.

Messi scored his first and latest World Cup goals 16 years and 184 days apart.

The next biggest span in World Cup history belongs to Cristiano Ronaldo at 16 years and 160 days.

Messi has won the 'Player-of-the-Match', first awarded in 2002, an unequalled 11 times.

He claimed the honour five times in Qatar by picking up the award against Mexico and in all the four knock-out matches.

Journey continues: Messi has made a U-turn on his decision to retire after the World Cup triumph. AP

The timing is right for the Women's IPL: Kanitkar

CRICKET

P.K. Ajith Kumar
MUMBAI

Hrishikesh Kanitkar, who coached the Indian boys to the Under-19 World Cup triumph early this year, could not have hoped to begin his new innings at a more exciting time.

He has taken over the reins of the Indian women's team with the launch of the Women's IPL imminent and the T20 World Cup a couple of months away. Kanitkar could not have had a more challenging start to his stint either, with a series against the all-conquering Australian team.

Neither could he have imagined a more dramatic start, as his very second game as coach went to a Super Over, which India won in front of a full house at Navi Mumbai's D.Y. Patil Stadium.

Kanitkar. TWITTER

Kanitkar, who replaced Ramesh Powar just ahead of the five-match T20I series against Australia, sounded optimistic about women's cricket in India. "The talent pool is there for the Women's IPL," he said. "A couple of months ago, I was at the Under-19 camp at Bengaluru and saw some very good players there. That augurs well for women's cricket," Kanitkar told the media on Monday.

He strongly believes that the timing is perfect for the Women's IPL. "I think everything is happening at the right time. The players are coming up and there is a lot of incentive for them," Kanitkar said.

Kanitkar said that the Women in Blue would have a bowling coach soon. "The BCCI is looking into it and, hopefully, somebody would be coming very soon," he said. "It would be helpful to have a bowling coach."

He said that being with the Indian team for a couple of weeks in Sri Lanka helped him to know the players better. "I know how competitive each player is and what works for them as individuals," he said.

The final T20I starts at the Brabourne Stadium at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Sahal and Barretto score as Blasters-CFC share honours

ISL-9

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

In a hard-fought battle, Chennaiyin FC and Kerala Blasters FC shared honours with a 1-1 draw in the Indian Super League at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here on Monday.

The home team conceded an early goal in the first half as Sahal Abdul Samad put Blasters ahead in the 23rd minute.

However, Chennaiyin came back strongly, equalising three minutes into the second half through Vincy Barretto.

In the first half, the visitors set the tone from kick off. Blasters began with a powerful free kick from Adrian Retamar, but Chennaiyin custodian Debjit Majumder palmed it away.

Blasters, who looked more organised than their opponents, kept asking questions of a tentative Chennaiyin as Retamar challenged Debjit for the second time with a long-range free kick.

Breaking through: Sahal, left, netted in the 23rd minute. R. RAGU

Chennaiyin had a golden opportunity in the 12th minute when Edwin Vanspaul chipped in with a superb assist from the right, but Barretto fluffed a simple chance in front of the goal.

Blasters made the home team pay for the error by taking the lead through Sahal, who produced a clinical finish off a through ball from Ivan Kaliuzhnyi.

In the 48th minute, Edwin's perfect cross to Rahim Ali saw the latter's scorcher stopped by Blasters 'keeper Prabhsukhan Gill. However, an alert Barretto made amends, capitalising on the rebound and burying a volley home.

The result: Chennaiyin FC 1 (Barretto 48) drew with Kerala Blasters 1 (Sahal 23).

THE COVETED ONE

I dreamed it so many times, says Messi in a heartfelt note

Hours after clinching the FIFA World Cup trophy, Argentine talisman Lionel Messi took to Instagram to post a series of photos along with a heartfelt note. "World Champions! I dreamed it so many times, I wanted it so much that I still haven't fallen... thanks to all those who believed in us."

GREETINGS FROM THE LEGEND

Pele congratulates Argentina, Messi and Mbappe

Football great Pele congratulated Lionel Messi and Argentina for winning the World Cup and Kylian Mbappe for his exploits in the final. "Messi winning his first World Cup, as his trajectory deserved... my dear friend, Mbappe, scoring four goals in a final. What a gift it was to watch it!"

GOALS GALORE

Qatar World Cup sets scoring record with 172 strikes

The six-goal final between France and Argentina set a World Cup record of 172 at this year's tournament. The previous record of 171 was set in 1998 and 2014. The 2.63 goals per game average in Qatar is far below the record of 5.38 goals per game at the 1954 edition in Switzerland.

SEA OF FANS

Messi's hometown of Rosario celebrates Cup triumph

The streets of Rosario, Lionel Messi's hometown, erupted in celebration after Argentina clinched its third World Cup title. Tens of thousands of people descended on the National Flag Memorial, the symbol of Argentina's third-largest city, to celebrate the triumph.

SMASHING DEBUT

Rehan's five-for puts England on course for a clean sweep

England leg-spinner Rehan Ahmed (18) is the youngest debutant to take a five-for in an innings, achieving the feat in the third Test in Karachi against Pakistan.

The scores: Pakistan 304 & 216 in 74.5 overs (Babar 54, Shakeel 53; Rehan Ahmed 5/48) vs England 354 & 112/2.

INBRIEF

Ballon d'Or winner Benzema ends France career

Ballon d'Or winner Karim Benzema announced the "end" of his international career on Monday, the day after France lost in the World Cup final to Argentina. "I made the effort and the mistakes it took to be where I am today and I'm proud of it! I wrote my story and ours ends," Benzema, 35, wrote on Twitter.

Venus Williams gets wild-card entry for Australian Open

Venus Williams has been awarded a wild-card entry for next month's Australian Open, 25 years after she played the Grand Slam tournament for the first time. The 42-year-old Williams has reached the final twice in Australia, including a loss in the final to younger sister Serena in 2017. She will be playing the Major for the 22nd time. Venus and Serena Williams combined to win the women's doubles title four times and Venus also won the mixed doubles title in 1998 with fellow American Justin Gimelstob.

Shane Warne to be honoured during Boxing Day Test

Australia and South Africa players will wear wide-brim floppy hats during the national anthems at the Boxing Day Test to honour spin legend Shane Warne. The Boxing Day match at the MCG will be the first Test, since his death in March, at Warne's home ground, which saw him claim his 700th Test wicket in his final appearance during the 2006 Ashes.

Uthappa to play for Dubai Capitals in inaugural ILT20

Former India and Karnataka cricketer Robin Uthappa, who retired from Indian and international cricket in September, will feature in the inaugural edition of the International League T20 (ILT20) representing Dubai Capitals. The 37-year-old Uthappa is one of the first high-profile retired Indian cricketers to take up opportunities to play in overseas T20 Leagues.

Kuldeep firmly back in contention as regular spinner in Test squad

He had been left him in the wilderness through a combination of injuries, loss of form and lack of support from team managements

Back with a vengeance: Kuldeep made his presence felt with a match-winning performance in the first Test. AP

INDIA IN BANGLADESH

N. Sudarshan
CHATTOGRAM

Nailing down a spinner's spot in the current Indian line-up is an arduous task. Ravindra Jadeja is such an all-round package – he can pick up wickets, control runs, bowl quick overs, bat and field – that even a bona fide great in R. Ashwin has had to warm the bench.

Then there is Axar Patel, who in the seven Tests so far has picked up a whopping 44 wickets at an average of 13, including five five-wicket hauls.

For Kuldeep Yadav, it has been doubly difficult to retain his place in the pecking order. An automatic pick for India across formats just over three years ago, a combination of injuries, loss of form and lack of support from team managements had left him in the wilderness.

Match-winning show

But, with a match-winning performance in the first Test against Bangladesh – eight for 113 and 40, both career-best figures – Kuldeep has thrown his hat back into the ring. The contest marked a significant milestone in a year of improvements for the left-arm unorthodox spinner, starting with the fine show in the IPL for his new side Delhi Capitals (21 wickets).

"It's a lot of work he has put in," said Paras Mhambrey, India's bowling coach. "There was a lot of discussion about the speeds he was bowling at, and how people felt he was a little slower in the air. He has worked on that and credit to him. There are changes in his run-up and he has worked on the angles that allow him to be quicker in the air. He has been unfortunate with injuries. But very happy with the way he has come up to get his best figures."

Australia's Brad Hogg, a fellow left-arm unorthodox bowler, who is commentating in the current series, was impressed with the lengths Kuldeep bowled.

Hogg impressed

"We can talk about the lines but you get it on the right length and then you can play with the lines on that length, play with the batter's footwork, and also set-up certain deliveries with your variations," Hogg told *The Hindu*." I was impressed with the control he had, with a slight change in the action."

The twin dismissals of Bangladesh skipper Shakib Al Hasan were instructive. In the first innings, the drift on the ball from outside off to leg forced Shakib, who had stepped out, to hurriedly close the face and edge a catch to first slip. In the second essay, the ball was only deceptively full and the southpaw was cleaned-up.

On current form, Kuldeep should be an automatic pick for the second Test in Mirpur, making it only the second time he would play back-to-back India Tests (previous: vs. West Indies, 2018). In fact, in nearly six years since debut, he has featured in just eight Tests, spread across seven series.

Conditions, fellow spinners' availability and their superior batting returns will continue to dictate his selection in the future. But after the show at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium, he is firmly back in contention.

Karnataka looks to address team issues in 'easy' outing against Puducherry

RANJI TROPHY

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Karnataka should have it easy against Puducherry in their Elite Group C Ranji Trophy match commencing at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Tuesday.

Karnataka enters this fixture with three points in the bag, having secured the first-innings lead against Services in its opening outing at the same venue.

Puducherry, on the other hand, suffered a 132-run defeat at the hands of Chhattisgarh. On a tough pitch at the CAP Ground 2, Puducherry could not recover from the team dismissal for 37 in the first essay.

The home side does have a couple of failings it must address. The bowling attack relies heavily on pacer Vidwath Kaverappa, who keeps batters on edge by bowling in the right areas. The other fast bowlers – Ronit More and Vyshak Vijaykumar – were inconsistent.

Toast of the team: Vidwath Kaverappa will look to continue his good form. SUDHAKARA JAIN

At one point, it looked like the poor bowling might cost Karnataka. After making 304 in the first innings, Karnataka looked like it might lose the advantage when Services moved to 237 for six, on the back of a century by captain Rajat Paliwal.

On the batting front, Nikin Jose, B.R. Sharath and K. Gowtham got among the runs in the first innings. R. Samarth came good in the second essay, making a clean 119.

Puducherry will need a much improved show to test Karnataka. Skipper Paras Dogra, who made mountains of runs for Himachal Pradesh before moving to his new team, is the leader of the batting unit.

Wicketkeeper-batter Arun Karthik, who started his domestic career for Tamil Nadu, must also step up to the plate.

RANJI TROPHY ROUND 2 SCHEDULE

Elite:
Group A: Nagaland vs. Uttar Pradesh (Sovima); Bengal vs. Himachal Pradesh (Kolkata); Uttarakhand vs. Odisha (Dehradun); Baroda vs. Haryana (Vadodara).
Group B: Assam vs. Delhi (Guwahati); Tamil Nadu vs. Andhra (Coimbatore); Mumbai vs. Hyderabad (Mumbai); Saurashtra vs. Maharashtra (Rajkot).
Group C: Jharkhand vs. Goa (Jamshedpur); Services vs. Chhattisgarh (Delhi); Karnataka vs. Pondicherry (Bengaluru); Rajasthan vs. Kerala (Jaipur).
Group D: Madhya Pradesh vs. Chandigarh (Indore); Gujarat vs. Jammu & Kashmir (Ahmedabad); Vidarbha vs. Tripura (Nagpur); Railways vs. Punjab (Delhi).
Plate: Meghalaya vs. Sikkim (Shillong); Arunachal Pradesh vs. Mizoram (Anand); Manipur vs. Bihar (Ahmedabad).

Nations Cup win gives us confidence for Asiad: Savita

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India women's hockey captain Savita Punia is confident her team will produce good results at the Asian Games in Hangzhou next year following their FIH Nations Cup title triumph in Valencia last Saturday.

"We have had a good year in 2022 and going forward we will continue to aim for more wins and titles. We have the Asian Games 2022 coming up next year, and we will definitely try to come back with a good result," said Savita on arrival at the IGI airport.

"As a captain, I am very proud and delighted with my teammates. Everyone gave their 100% and we maintained our focus right from the start," added Savita.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Sree Charani excels as Andhra bests Karnataka

N.R. Sree Charani (7/20) helped Andhra defeat Karnataka in the pre-quarterfinal of the BCCI under-19 one day trophy at Chennai.

The scores: Karnataka 147 in 49.2 overs (Niki Prasad 36, Mithila Vinod 30, N.R. Sree Charani 7/20) lost to Andhra 152/7 in 42.1 overs (Ranga Lakshmi 71 n.o., Vandita Rao 3/29).

Siddesh's unbeaten 202 highlights Karnataka's big win

Siddesh Asalkar's unbeaten 202 took Karnataka to an innings victory over Arunachal Pradesh in the BCCI Vijay Merchant Trophy under-16 tournament at Nagpur.

The scores: Arunachal Pradesh 138 in 56.5 overs (Siddhant Pathak 89) and 60 in 41 overs (Samyak Vellalore 3/21, Siddesh Asalkar 3/6) lost to Karnataka 361/2 decl. in 88 overs (Siddesh Asalkar 202 n.o., S. Ananth 28, Aadesh Urs 107).

Ashok excels in Spartons' win

BENGALURU: D. Ashok (76 and 4/41) powered Spartons past Jayanagar Cricketers in the KSCA Group I, Division IV league.

The scores: Spartons 241/9 in 50 overs (Dharani Kumar 43, Aziz Ulla 25, M. Maheeb 37, D. Ashok 76) bt Jayanagar Cricketers 200 in 41 overs (Younus Ali 52, Rajat Hegde 53, Mohammed Muttallib 3/28, D. Ashok 4/41).

Blue Diamond Cricketers 166 in 35.5 overs (M.A. Akarsh 45, S. Karthik 31, Vinod Munikrishna 25 n.o., N. Rohan 3/39, Durga Prasad 3/35, Abdul Shymrid 3/49) lost to Eleven Brothers 167/7 in 40.2 overs (Vinay Kumar 34, Narra Chandra 59 n.o., Saif Siddiqui 26).

City Cricketers (1) 221 in 50 overs (Gaurav 27, U. Vikas 31, Dheeraj Kumar 40) bt Sparklers 205 in 47.3 overs (Raunak Kharabanda 77, Nilesh Khilare 26, Gaurav 3/30).

Palar SC 149 in 42.3 overs (Guruprasad Swamy 25, Raunak Singh 3/18, Omprakash Aglecha 3/26) bt Freelancers 93 in 22.3 overs (M.B. Naveen 3/24, Abhishek Rana 4/34).

BEL Colony Recreation 118/9 in 20 overs (Ayush Ponna 36) lost to Standard 123/4 in 16.4 overs (K.C. Kishan 64) (overs reduced due to wet outfield).

IISC Gymkhana 189/8 in 45 overs (Mohammed Tabish 74, Kumar Gaurav 27, Abdul Jabbar 3/37) lost to Young Pioneer 193/6 in 41.2 overs (Abhishek 58, Mohammad Azharuddin 45, L. Vinith 36) (overs reduced due to wet outfield).

Minerva 257/7 in 50 overs (Revanth Bairy 60, Rajath Sathish 84, Sachin Pande 26) bt Magadi 215 in 43.0 overs (Narendra Bhandari 64, Vijay Gowda 67, K.P. Mukund 3/17).

Jayanagar Colts 211 in 50 overs (A.R. Krishnan 48, Nagesh Rao 34, M. Karthik 25, Mahadev Prasad 27, Jayaprakash Casala 4/41) bt Duleep Cricketers 132 in 39.3 overs (Siddesh 38, Zainul Abideen 3/19, Prakash Chennaiah 4/38).

Roots routs CIL

Roots Football School whipped CIL 5-0 in the BDFA 'B' division football league here.

The results: Roots FS 5 (Mathialagan 23, 62, Liyan Thanveer 35, Chris Shawn 53, Shawn Sebastian 65) bt CIL 0; Md. Sporting FC 2 (Nivrutti Sunil 30, Abhishek Sunil 50) bt RS Sports 0.

Easy for Adhiyamaan CoE

Adhiyamaan College of Engineering defeated Ideal Sports Academy 'A' 3-1 in the KSHA 'B' Division hockey league.

The results: Adhiyamaan College of Engineering 3 (S. Ravishankar 16, 46, P. Vijayadeva 19) bt Ideal SA 'A' 1 (Sudaresan 8).

Hockey veteran Jayaraman passes away

Former Services hockey player M. Jayaraman passed away here. He was 90.

Jayaraman started his hockey career with Primrose Hockey Club, and subsequently joined MEG & Centre (Bangalore). He was a star player for MEG in numerous All India tournaments. He also represented the Services team in the National championship. The Karnataka State Hockey Association condoled his death.

Nagaraj Adiga elected BUDAA president

Nagaraj Adiga was elected president of the Bangalore Urban District Athletic Association at its AGM here.

Other office bearers: Senior vice-president: U.V. Sankar; **vice-presidents:** Poonam Beliappa, Narasimha Murthy; **secretary:** S.D. Eshan; **joint secretary:** N.R. Ramesh; **treasurer:** Reeth Abraham; **executive council:** Prem Kumar, Datha Karaumbiah, Y.S. Vandana, Manjunatha Nayaker, R. Darshan, Y.S. Thanuja, Yatish Kumar.

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Pakistan vs England: 3rd Test, day 4, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10.30 a.m.
I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 4.30 & 7 p.m.
India Women vs Australia Women: 5th T20I, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7 p.m.
World Tennis League: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 7.30 p.m.

SNAPSHOTS

Williamson, Southee to miss India tour

WELLINGTON: Kane Williamson and Tim Southee along with coach Gary Stead will miss a six-match tour of India as New Zealand juggles its resources to cope with a condensed start to the year.

ODI squad for Pakistan and India: Kane Williamson (Capt., Pakistan only), Finn Allen, Michael Bracewell, Mark Chapman (India only), Devon Conway, Jacob Duffy (India only), Lockie Ferguson, Matt Henry, Tom Latham (Capt. against India), Adam Milne, Daryl Mitchell, Henry Nicholls, Glenn Phillips, Mitchell Santner, Henry Shipley, Ish Sodhi and Tim Southee (Pakistan only).

IOC, OCA give green signal to Usha and her team

NEW DELHI: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) have validated the newly-elected body of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and congratulated the president P.T. Usha and the members.

In a combined communication addressed to the IOA president, from James Macleod and Hussain Al-Musallam, the representatives of IOC and OCA respectively, it was stated that the road ahead was clear for IOA to function in a normal fashion.

Both the international bodies also expressed the desire to establish a fruitful collaboration with the newly elected IOA in its mission and daily activities.

"I am pleased to receive the letter from the world and Asian bodies. Our first step is clear and now we can put our focus on working towards the preparation for the Paris Olympics", said Usha.

Top women pugilists for the Nationals

BHOPAL: Top boxers, including World champion Nikhat Zareen, Olympic bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain, Asian champion and Worlds bronze medallist Parveen Hooda, will be seen in action at the National women's boxing championships starting here on Tuesday.

The bout review system, which was introduced by the International Boxing Association (IBA) earlier this year, will be implemented in a National event for the first time.

Sports Minister fetes blind world champs

State backing: Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur with Cricket Association of Blind president G.K. Mahantesh and captain Ajay Kumar Reddy. KAMESH SRINIVASAN

CRICKET

Sport Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur felicitated the Indian team on winning the Blind cricket T20 World Cup for the third successive time recently, at his residence here on Monday.

Listening patiently to the list of "requests and suggestions" from the captain of the team, Ajay Kumar Reddy and the president of Cricket Association of the Blind, G.K. Mahantesh, the Sports Minister assured that both the government and the cricket board (BCCI) would try to find further ways to support blind cricket.

"After winning many World Cups, some of the players are still jobless. We are not considered for Khel Ratna and Arjuna awards. Please recognise us," said Reddy.

The government offers cash prizes for winning the World Cups, and the president wanted the government to increase the cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh that was instituted in 2014.

"We also request the government to increase the grant for hosting such events," Mahantesh said.

Anurag Thakur said that he had discussed with Minister of State for Sports, Nisith Pramanik, in a sincere attempt to find ways to support blind cricket, "one way or the other".